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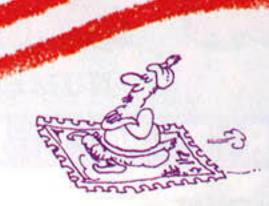


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Make A Dumb Wish Foundation™

A couple of weeks ago, I was reading MAD #487 while eating a Snickers Bar. "Rejected Catchphrases from Rambo" made me laugh so hard that a piece of peanut came out my nose. My wish for the MAKE A DUMB WISH FOUNDATION™ is that on the front of MAD there be a warning

that says: "Eating a Snickers Bar while reading magazine could cause chunks of peanut to shoot through your nose" or at least publish my letter so others won't have to feel my pain.

Craig Kleinpeter, Baton Rouge, LA

Craig's List — That's nuts...literally! Next time, you should eat spaghetti while you're reading MAD — that way when it comes out of your nose you can just suck it right back into your mouth in one continuous loop! If you decide not to heed our advice, then you should re-read the article while eating some jelly, so you can at least achieve the full PB&J effect! —Ed.

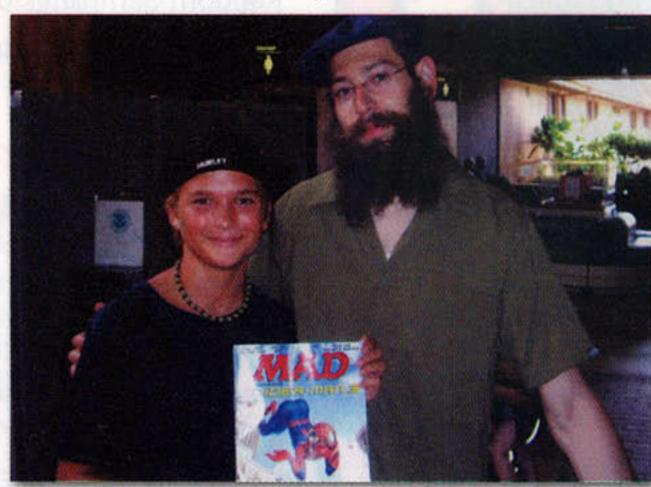




MAD CELEBRITY SNAPS

I got this photo of Matisyahu, a great reggae/rap singer, at the airport. He was going home after a concert here in Kauai, Hawaii. It was hard getting his picture, so if you give me something, can it be something good?

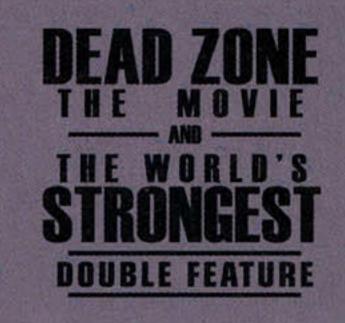
Kevin Killermann, Kalaheo, HI



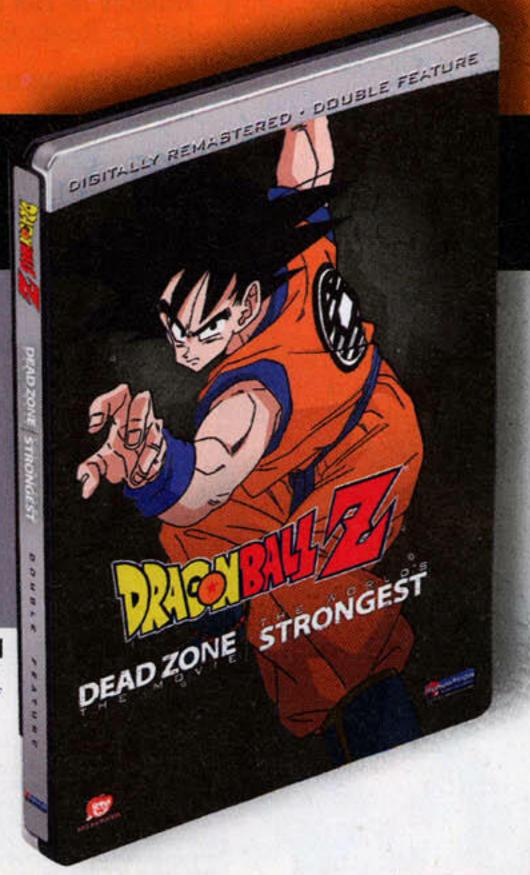
Mt. Killermannjaro — For sending us this Celebrity Snap, we're sending you a one-year subscription to MAD! Sorry it's not something good! —Ed.

DRAGON BALL Z REMASTERED

- INCLUDES TWO UNCUT MOVIES IN ONE SET ON DVD
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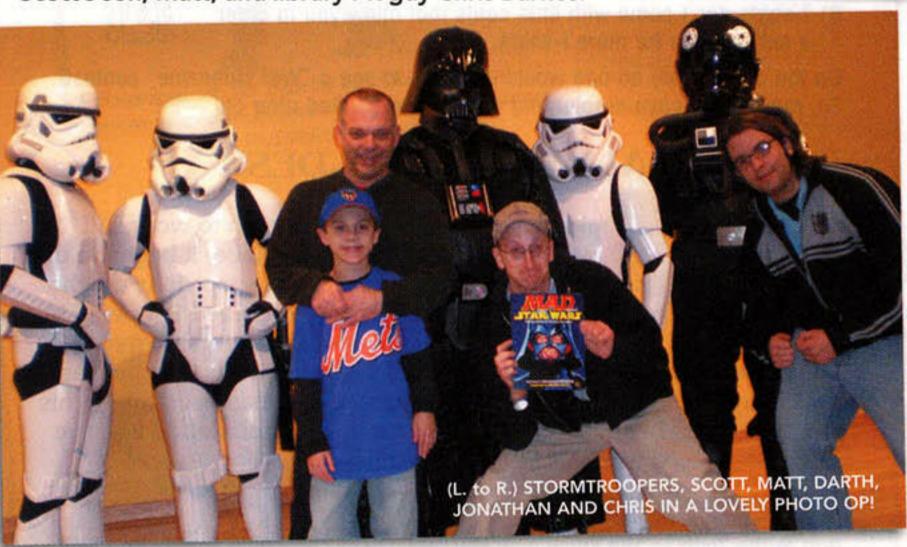




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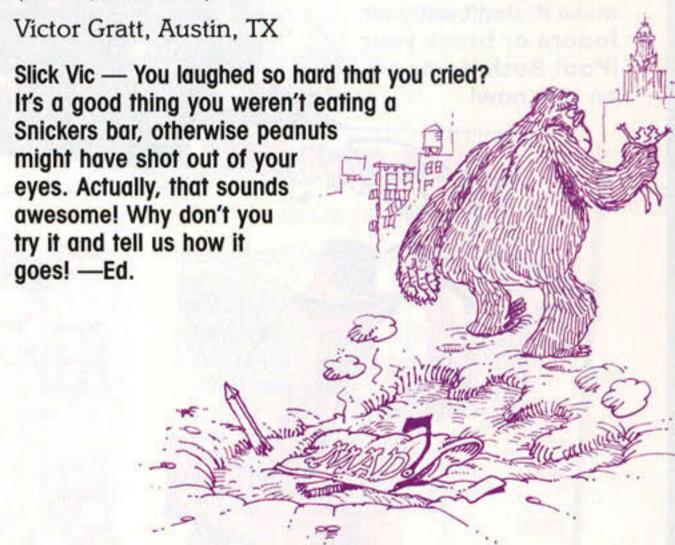
On January 13, 2007 at the Ocean County Library in Toms River, New Jersey, MAD Senior Editor Jonathan Bresman gave a multimedia show about his book MAD About Star Wars. Jonathan told behind-the-scenes tales about the long-standing relationship between MAD and director George Lucas and regaled the audience with the now legendary confrontation between MAD publisher William M. Gaines and Lucasfilm's legal team. Various Stormtroopers, Imperial Officers, and one menacing Dark Lord of the Sith joined the party, courtesy of the 501st Legion's Northeast Remnant and Garrison Carida. Everyone had a good time, thanks largely to the efforts of the Ocean County Library's Program Coordinator Scott Rodas, Scott's son, Matt, and library PR guy Chris Barnes.





CORN ON THE SOB

I am a 13-year-old boy in Texas. I am in the 7th grade and I love MAD Magazine. My mom and step-dad got me into it. I love reading all the quotes about the U.S. Government and other things going on in the world. I was just reading the newest issue, the "monkey" issue. I was laughing so hard, I started crying. I really liked "How to Draw A Monkey." The line "...then put a teardrop under the left eye for number of monkeys killed in prison" made me laugh the most. I shared an order form with my 48-year-old stepfather. My mom loves how we tell her the stories. I like MAD because it is weird, which is also weird because I am a Boy Scout. Also this letter will help me get a merit badge. (Weird, but cool!)





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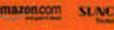
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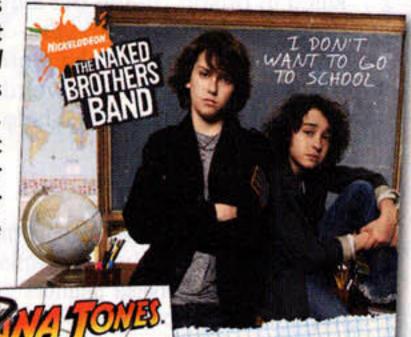


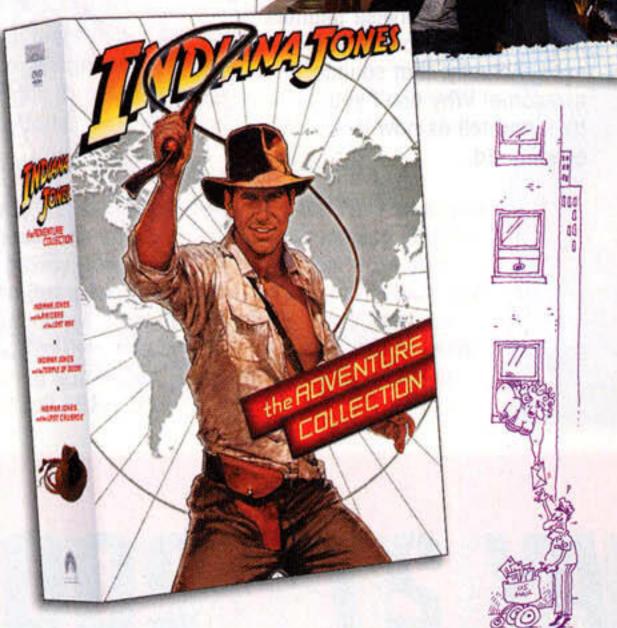


READER ALERT

For those lucky enough to have their letters printed, you'll receive 2 fabulous things! First up, Indiana Jones The Adventure Collection DVD set, including all three Indiana Jones movies, courtesy of our friends at Paramount Home Entertainment. You'll also get the

Naked Brothers Band's new album I Don't Want To Go To School courtesy of our friends at Columbia Records. If your missive didn't make it, don't eat your fedora or break your iPod! Both items are on sale now!





LET ME TAKE YOU TO MONKEY TOWN

I cannot imagine what possessed you guys to pass off an entire issue of MAD as "written and drawn by monkeys;" but whosever idea this was, I'm sorry to say it wasn't the least bit funny. The lengths you all had to go to try and milk monkey-related gag lines out of every panel in the magazine, were all too painfully apparent, even to the point of using the same "jokes" over and over again. OK, monkeys love to fling poo, we get it, move on. I have a friend who's a big fan of Monk and I didn't even bother showing him your supposed satire because it's more chimp humor than actually poking fun at the foibles of the character. Certainly, you can come up with a snarky reply to my letter, and even make it look as if the reply was written by a monkey, but the bottom line is still the same — in all my 40 or 50 years of reading MAD, this is the first issue I can recall that was totally without a shred of humor from cover to fold-in.

Steve Haller, Oak Park, MI

Hallerback Boy — We're so sorry you didn't enjoy the Monkey issue. There's nothing we value more than the opinions of long-time readers. So we stayed up all night and came up with an exciting idea that we think you'll really get behind. Look for an upcoming special issue of MAD written and drawn entirely by cranky, whiny, boring old men! (Snarky enough?) Thanks for writing! —Ed.

CASE CLOTHES

Recently, on a trip, my friend Callie wanted to drive through a wild animal park, and I said I would agree only if she bought me a monkey t-shirt. However, when we finished the tour, we found that the gift shop was closed. Callie just gave me the April 2008 issue of MAD Magazine and tried to convince me that it was better than a monkey t-shirt. Please tell Callie that a MAD Magazine, even if entirely written by monkeys, is no substitute for a monkey t-shirt! I can't wear a magazine, can I? I'm sure you'll back me up.

Jeanette Handling, Jacksonville, IL

Handling With Care — Why on earth would we — a magazine say that a t-shirt was better than a magazine? Magazines are way better than t-shirts! Don't believe us? Here's why:

- 1) Magazines don't shrink in the wash.
- Magazine colors don't fade.
- 3) T-shirts don't come with little cards that allow you to order a subscription for more t-shirts.

On the other hand, no one would ever pay to see a "Wet Magazine" contest! So, maybe you have a point and you did get shafted after all! —Ed.

ALL HANDS ON DESK

For a long time, I took my copy of MAD each month to work so I could read it instead of doing my job. Not too long ago, it began to disappear from my desk whenever I'd step out. I had suspicions of who might be the culprit and one day, I finally caught him red-handed. He was very embarrassed and swore that he would never take my MAD Magazine again and he explained that he only did it because he was too cheap to buy his own copy. Unfortunately, he has been true to his word. Each subsequent issue of MAD has been undisturbed and I've since been stuck with this idiotic magazine.

Tony Comunale, Astoria, NY

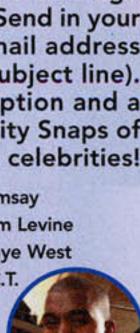
Bad to the Tone — We know how you feel, we're stuck with you as an idiotic reader! -Ed.

THE ED.'S NIFTY FIFTY™

Sweet Kajagoogoo! It's time for another version of the MAD Nifty Fifty™ — the gold standard for MAD's Celebrity Snaps! Below is a list of the celebrities we most want to see gracing the Letters Page holding a copy of MAD. Here's what you do, shutterbug! Send in your non-returnable photographs via snail mail or to our e-mail address (letters@madmagazine.com — put "Nifty Fifty" in the subject line). If we print it you will receive a three-year MAD subscription and a special gift! Easy as pie! Remember we also want Celebrity Snaps of people NOT on this list. So get out there and stalk some celebrities!

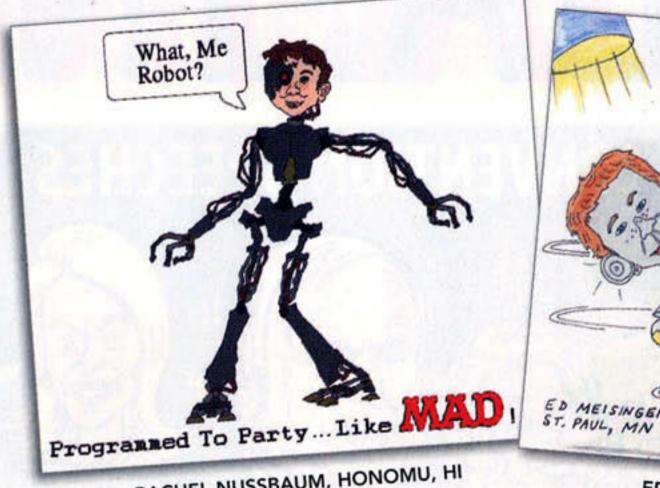
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- Real-Life Juno Jamie Lynn Spears
- The Office's stud John Krasinski
- Good Lookin' Loser Danica Patrick
- Eliot "I ♥ Hookers" Spitzer
- Limping Looney Heather Mills McCartney
- Knocked Up Director Judd Apatow
- Lanky Man-Child Michael Cera
- Portly Man-Child Jonah Hill
- Afro'd Funnyman Seth Rogen
- Creepy Smiley Miley Cyrus
- Madea-Mastermind Tyler Perry
- •Steve "Injury-Prone Baller" Nash Super-Tan Strongman Hulk Hogan
- American Idol "Winner" Jordin Sparks
- Proactiv-lovin' Pianist Alicia Keys
- Douchy Duo Heidi Montag & Spencer Pratt
- Shia "I Make Spellcheck Explode" LaBeouf
- Kate "Hey, Nice Ribs" Bosworth
- •Tom "18 and 1" Brady
- Infomercial Idiot Billy Mays
- Pint-Sized Producer Timbaland
- Voice of SpongeBob Tom Kenny
- Komedic Kiwis Flight of the Conchords guys Harrison "I'm Too Old For This Crap" Ford

- Culinary Curser Gordon Ramsay
- Maroon 5 Man-Whore Adam Levine
- Self-Proclaimed Genius Kanye West
- Super Crazy Real Worlder C.T.
- 30 Rock-star Tracy Morgan
- Steve "Mac Daddy" Jobs
- Pixar Brainiac Brad Bird
- Pop Screecher Mariah Carey
- John McCain Challenger Ron Paul Kathie Lee "My Career Won't Die" Gifford
- Mike "Evolution Shmevolution" Huckabee
- Unwashed Washed-Up Singer Bret Michaels
- The Secret Scam Artist Rhonda Byrne
- Christian "The Caped Crusader" Bale
- Oscar Winner Philip Seymour Hoffman
- Megatron's Mega-Hottie Megan Fox
- Aging Rocker Jon Bon Jovi
- Roider Roger Clemens
- •Kal "Kumar" Penn
- Reality Rascals Rob & Big
- Sin City Scribe Frank Miller
- Model/Skeletor Janice Dickinson
- Brooding Baddie Daniel Day-Lewis
- Saturday Night Live Vixen Amy Poehler
- Left-wing Loudmouth Keith Olbermann



THE BIG ROBOT

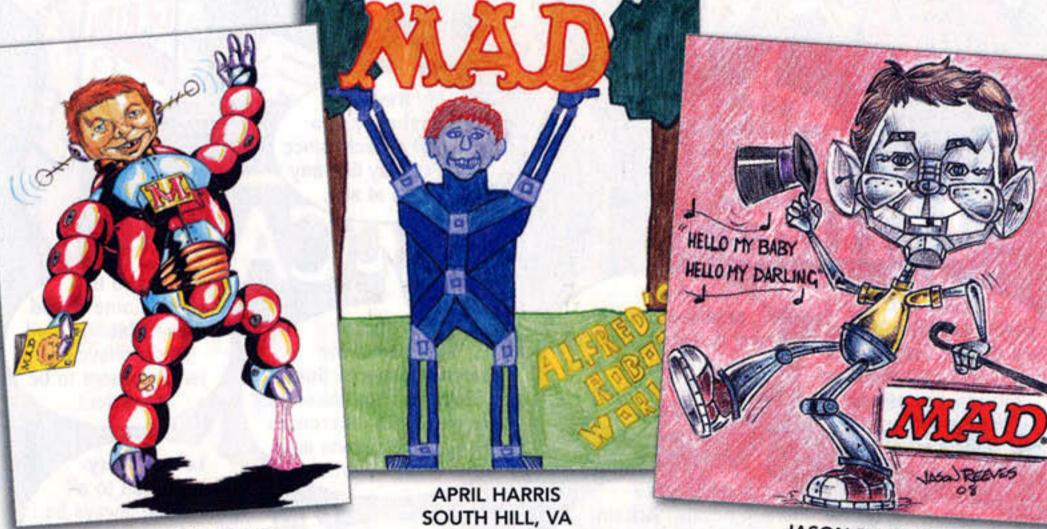
A couple of issues ago, we asked readers to submit more versions of a dancing Alfred robot. The results were nothing short of staggering. We wish we had more room to print them all! Thanks to everyone that sent in their drawings!





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ED MEISINGER, ST. PAUL, MN



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My friends...

well, that's just a

figure of speech, since

Why should

I care what the

difference between Sunnis

and Shiites is? You think they

care about the differences

between Lutherans and

Methodists?

campaign has been the second-most

torturous phase



going to behead

from Deval

defied the odds. Hell, even I had \$100 on Hillary in Vegas.

unite as a people, regardless of race, especially those hot black/ Latino/Asian combo chicks you always see

To quote my pastor Jeremiah Wright, "God damn great reluctance must thank my

will count!

If I may take one final cheap

shot at Senator

promise you right years, everyone's vote will count! ... Well, not if you're from Michigan or era for stand-up Florida, but almost everyone's vote

> nation besides Britain, Germany, Pakistan, Canada, Chile, Liberia, Nicaragua, and several others could a woman rise to such a level?

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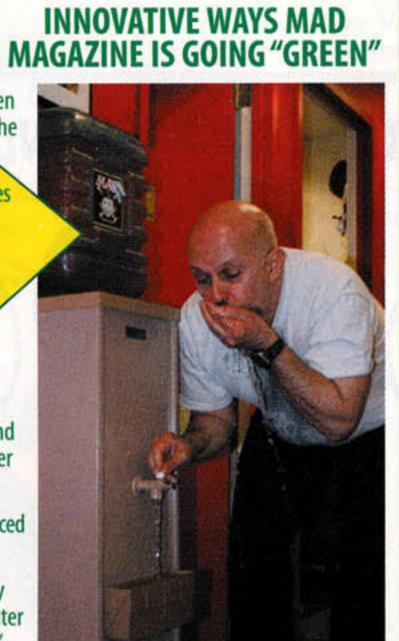
the coffee machine is optional.)

printed per state. Readers will be given a list of subscribers and asked to read the issue and "pass it on".

Toilets are flushed just once, at the end of the day. (If you visit MAD, the earlier you get here, the better.)

Wasteful Post-It-Notes have been replaced with scraps of old paper and spit.

Staff has been instructed to type very lightly so as not to bring their computer out of its energy-saving "sleep mode".



FAST FOOD MOTTO OR NA JAMESON MOVIE TITLE?



1."Dinner Party"

2."Home of the Whopper"

3."I'm Into Shrimpin"

4. "Think Outside the Bun"

5."Lip Service"

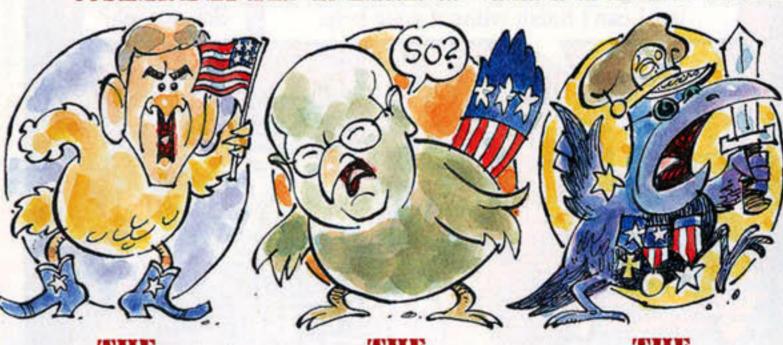
6. "Where's the Beef?"

7. "Party Mouth"

8. "Finger Lickin' Good" 9. "Swallopalooza"

10. "What You Crave"

guarantee that the derivative porn industry hasn't used these as titles, too. ANSWER: The even-number ones are fast food slogans — although we can't



THE CHICKENHAWE

"We have to be in Iraq; and by 'we' I mean 'you."

MOCKINGBIRD

"Who cares about your son's amputated legs? He knew what he was getting into when he signed up."

CROW

"The surge is working. We are making progress in Iraq."

PARROT

"God bless America, we support the troops! God bless America, we support the troops!"

DODO

"Iran has weapons of mass destruction and is a threat to American interests."

THE OSTRICH

"We must sacrifice some of our civil liberties for the sake of security."

DIET TIPS FROM FAT STEVE

 When you buy a dozen donuts, tell yourself, "I'm only going to eat 11 today, and leave one for tomorrow." Over the course of a decade, this will save you thousands of calories.

> Grocery shopping on an empty stomach causes you to buy more food at the market To avoid this, have a huge, fat-filled meal before you shop.

 Lovemaking is an excellent way to tone muscles and burn calories. We recommend 4-6 hours of sex per day. We can't tell an obese, unattractive person like you how to find a mate, however. This isn't tips on dating.

SOLUTION TO LAST **MONTH'S** "MINI-**MYSTERY"**

The murderer had eluded authorities by stuffing himself into a valise, leaving one arm free with which to carry himself down the stairs and directly out of the hotel lobby.

NEXT MONTH: "A Footprint in the Bean Dip"!





TEEN CAR LAWS THAT SHOULD BE ENACTED

Any just-accepted senior who gloatingly slaps a college decal on his back windshield may, by law, have said windshield egged back to the mid-Cretaceous.

Any driver who doesn't sufficiently slow down



It is unlawful for a driver to pick up his buddies for a trip to the mall - and then run 16 unannounced "errands" for his mom.

Before trying to get a girl in the backseat, the driver must make some attempt to clear it of crumpled cans, moldy socks and year-old Taco Bell scraps.

Any car-lending parent who institutes more rules than the federal tax code must suck it up and buy their kid a car of his own.

think, some stupid sons of bitches said

I didn't have the

President.

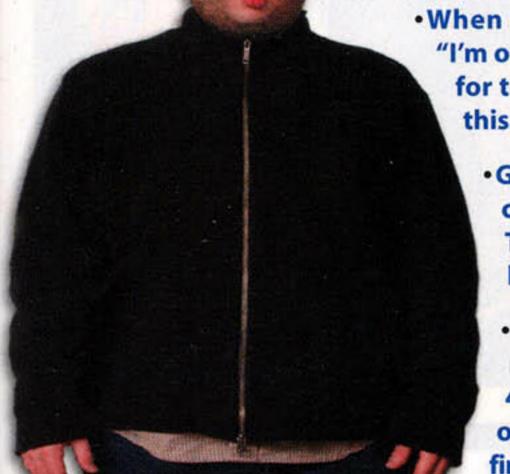
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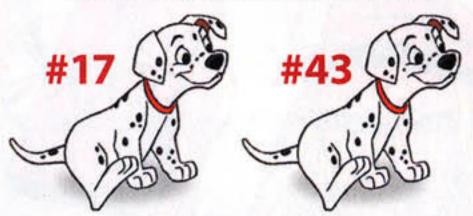




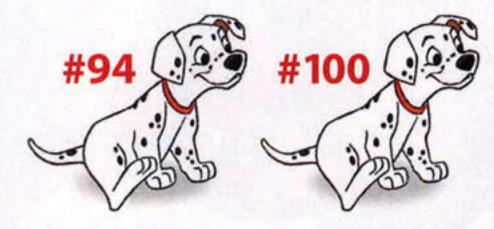
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SPORTS INJURIES FROM AROUND THE WORLD



AUGUSTINE AMBROSIO Opus Dei University point guard pulled a quad muscle while flog-ging himself for his many horrible sins, is on 7-day disabled list.



RAGHIB AL-RAMADI Saudi volleyball coach had his tongue cut out as punishment for quipping that "Even Allah Himself cannot save this team's season." (Out Indefinitely)

But I have this science project and I really

need to get an "A." I have most of it done,



CODY IKAZAWA The shortstop of the expansion Japanese League team Sanrio Kitties attempted suicide after his error cost his team a game. Out 6-8 weeks with a strained oblique.

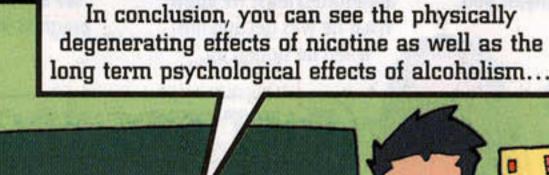




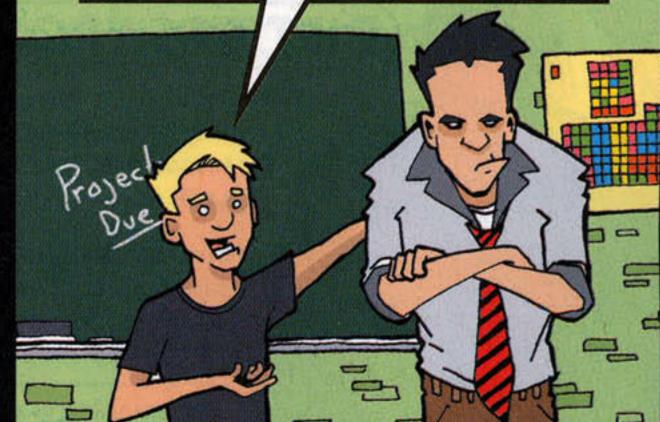


You know, I was pretty good at science back in school. Who knows — if I had a smart, encouraging adult guiding me back then, maybe I could've become a great scientific mind. Let's do it!

Thanks, Uncle Joe, you're the best! Just meet me at school tomorrow morning and we'll earn that grade together!

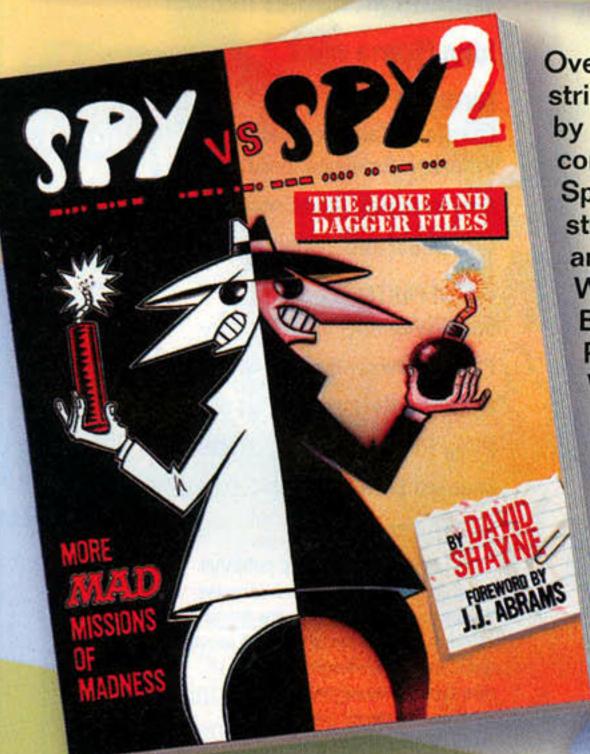






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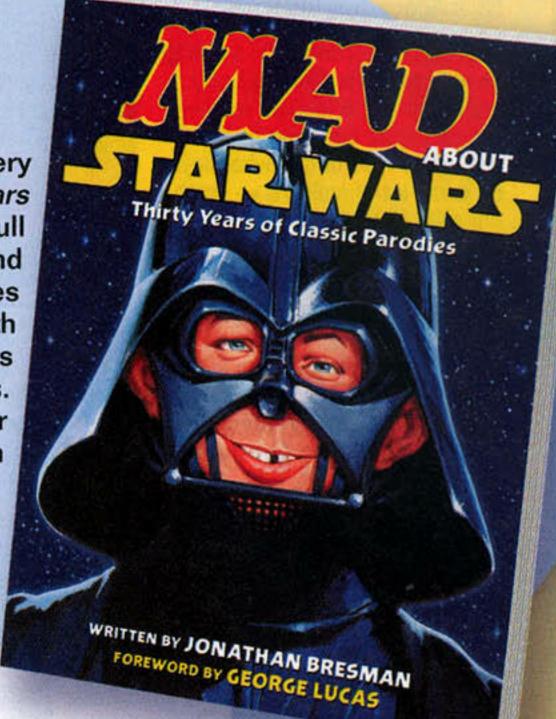
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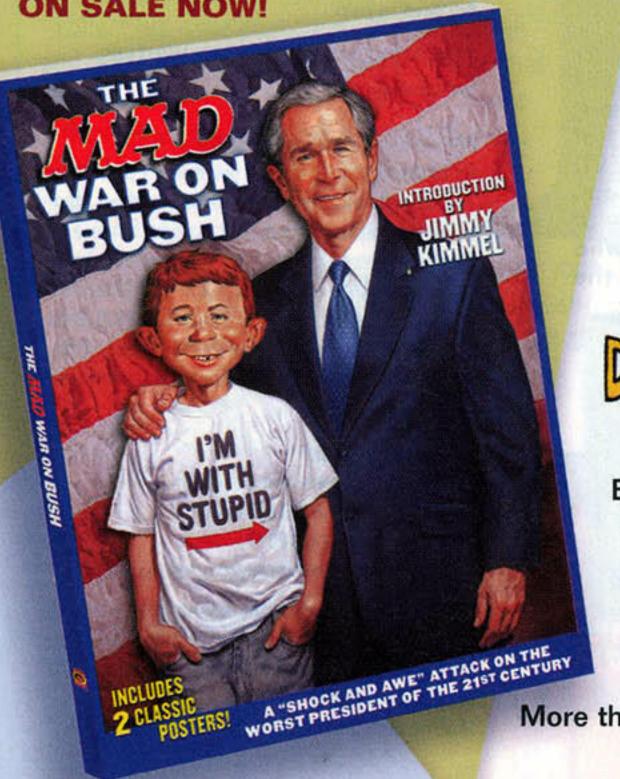
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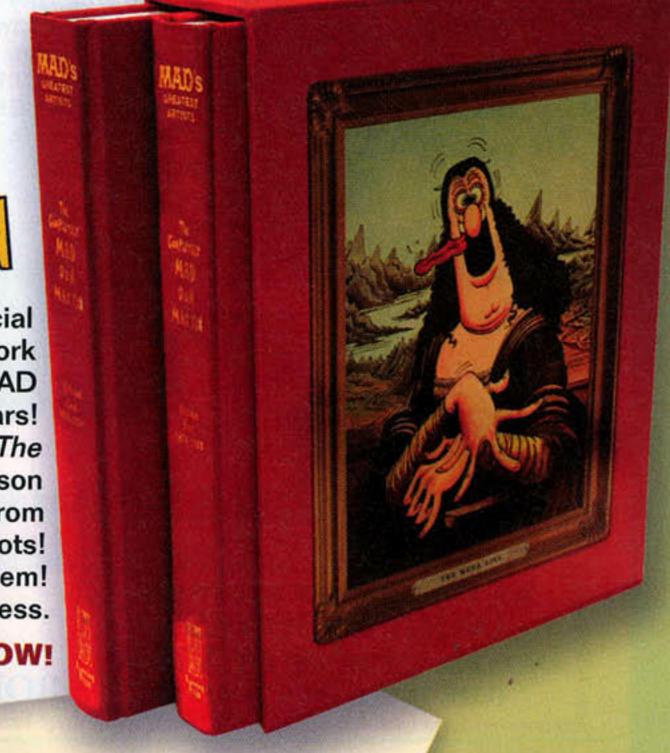


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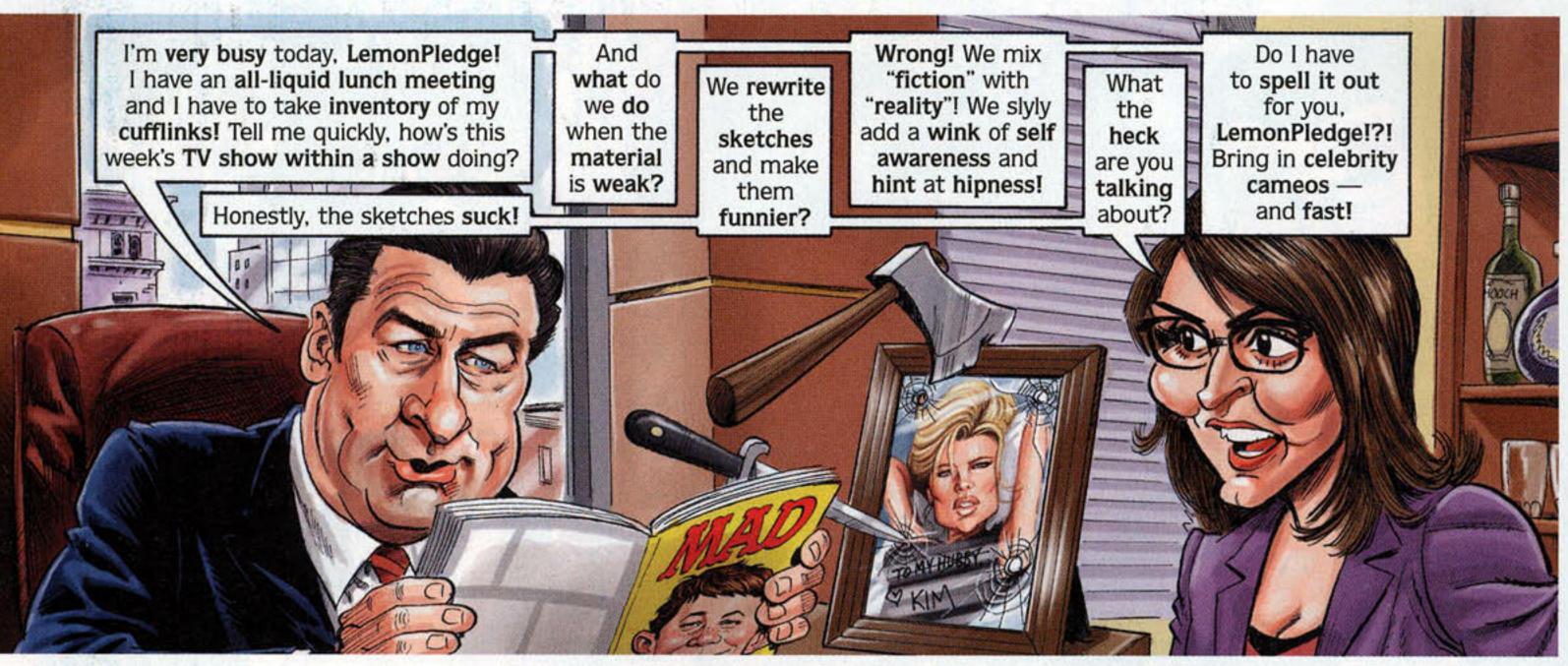
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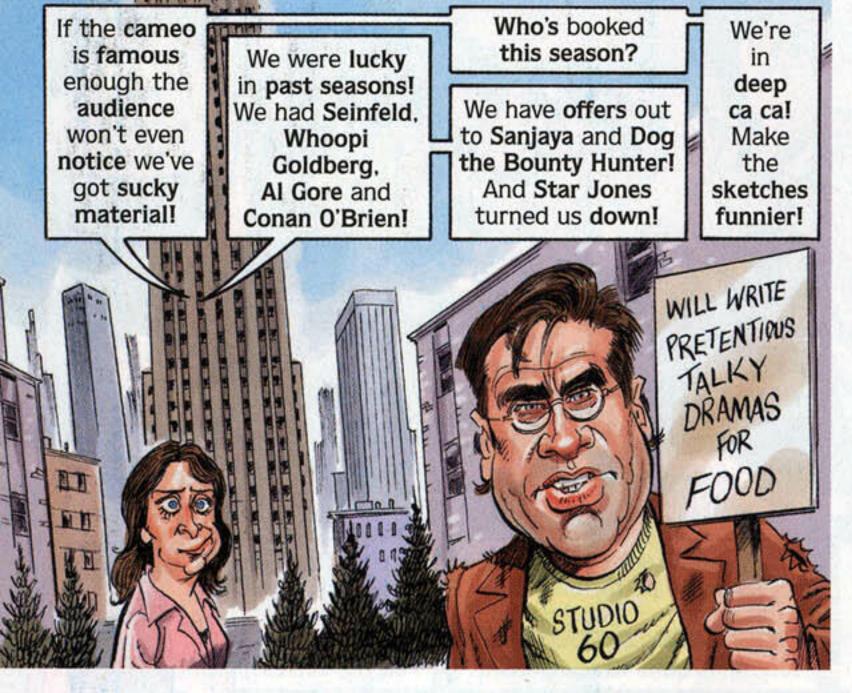


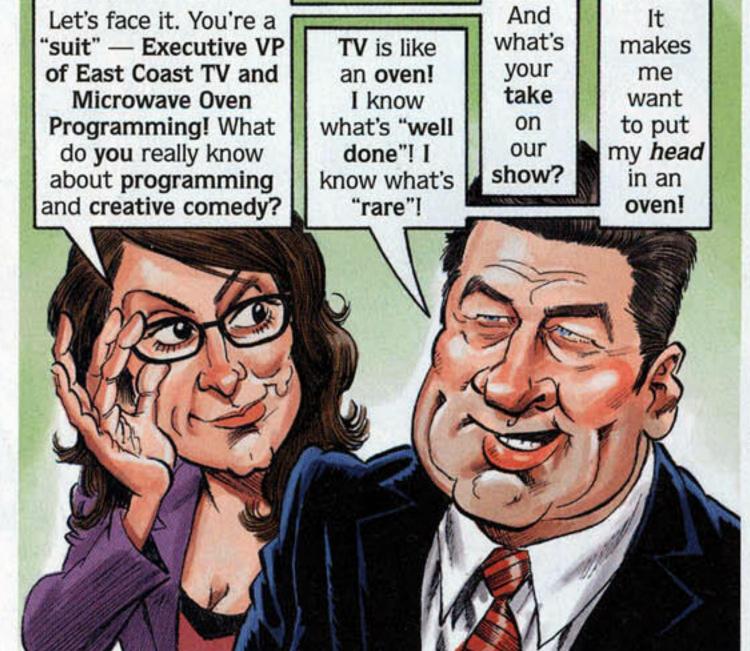


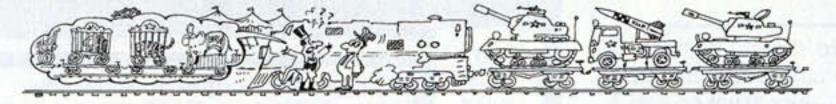


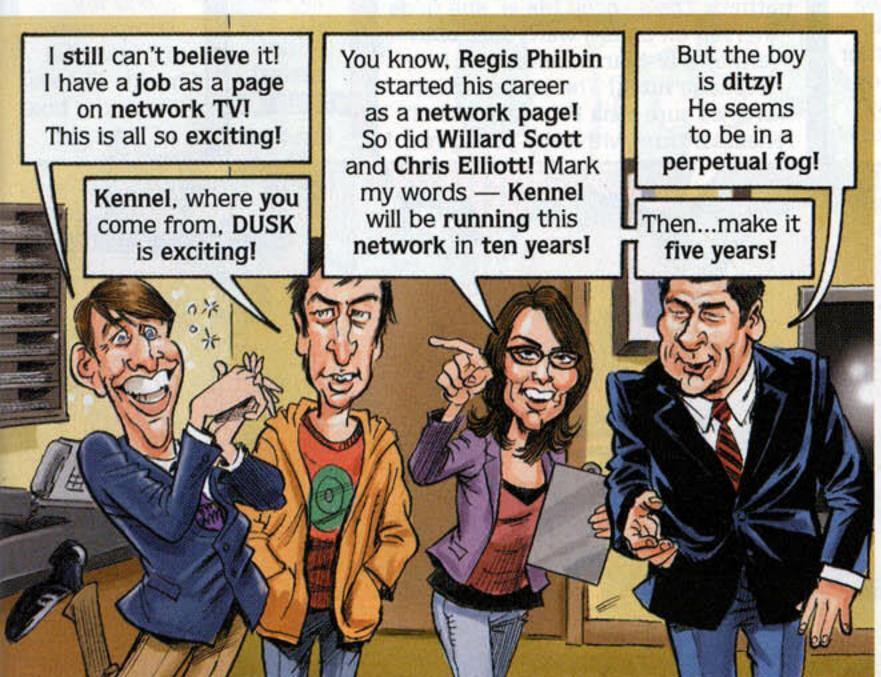












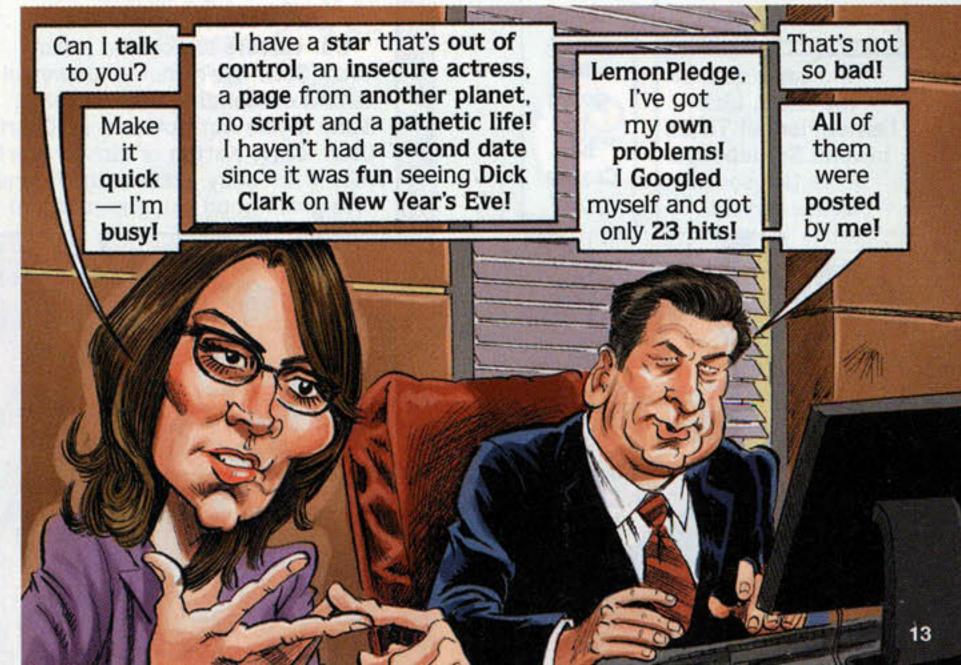


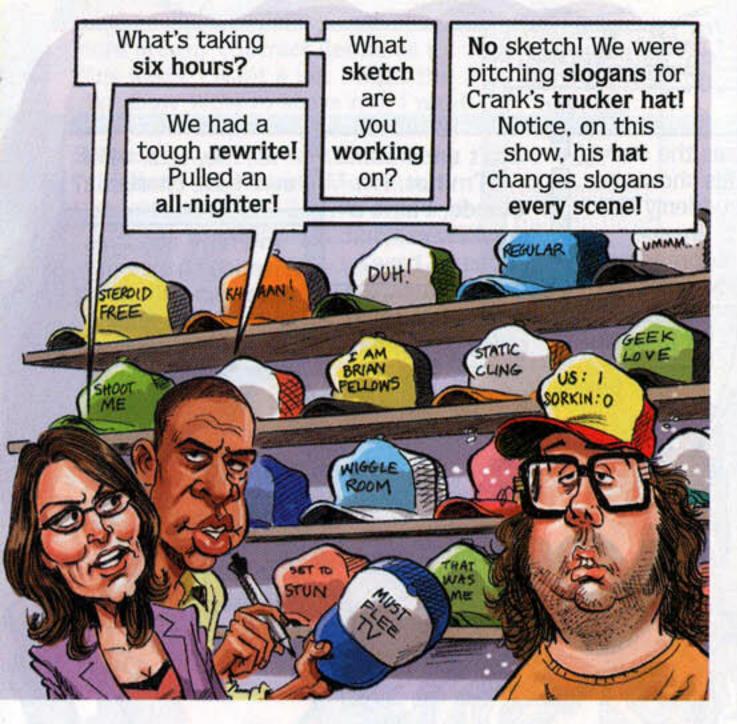


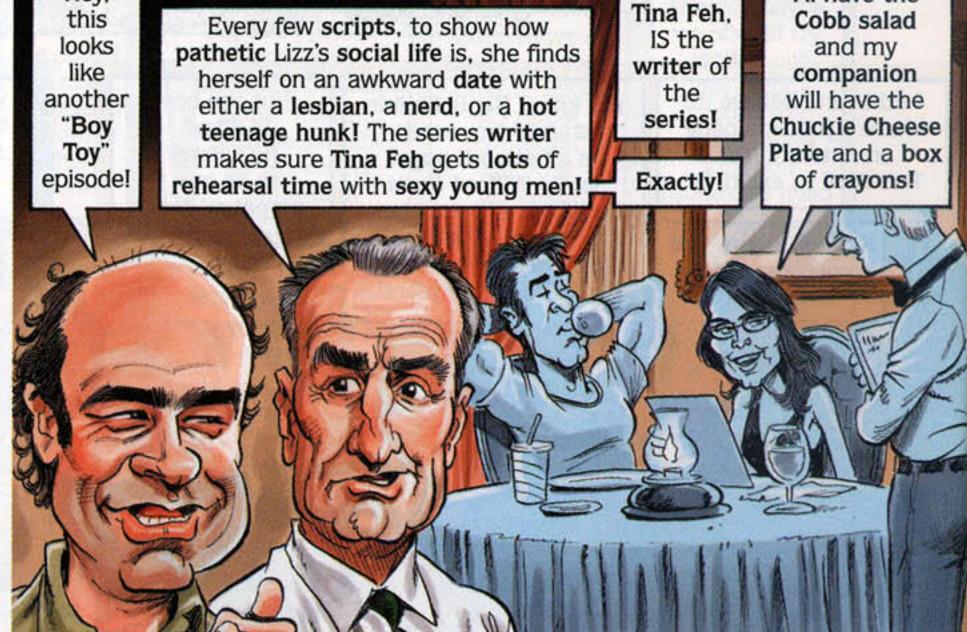






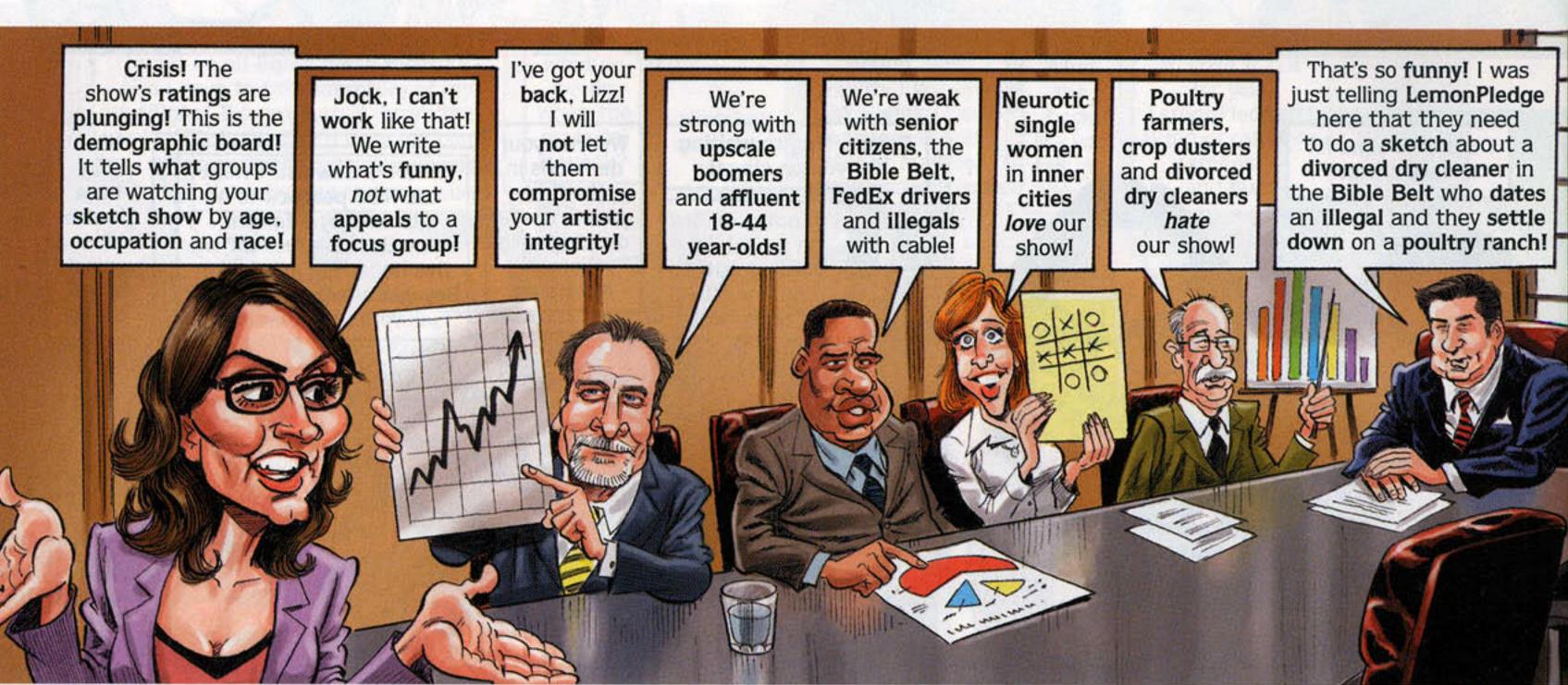




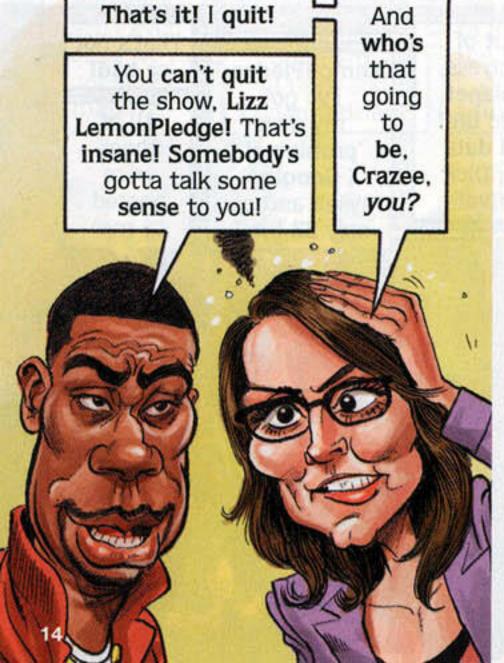


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Hey,



Look at the big picture!
Our careers are cookin', man!
Okay. Sure. We're not as powerful as Adam Sandler, Will Ferrell or Mike Myers but hotter than Cheri Oteri, Chris Kattan or Jim Breuer!
We're doin' okay, Lizz LemonPledge!
We gotta good thing here, man!



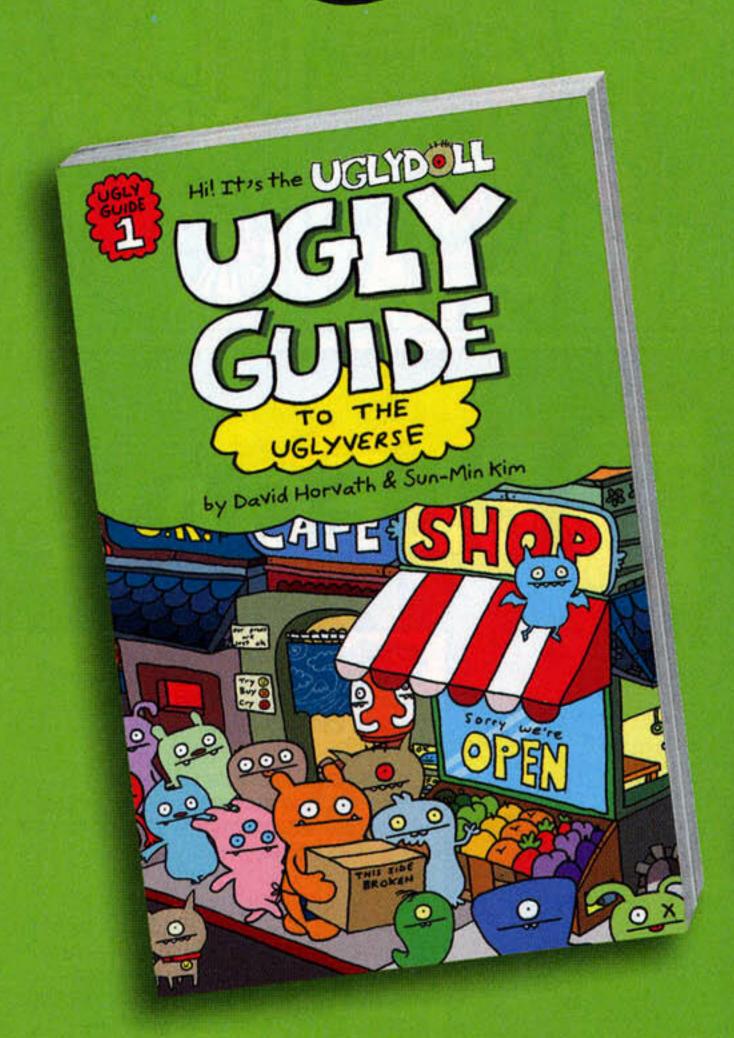
Wow! That's the clarity I needed in my life! Thank you, Crazee! I'm staying on the show!

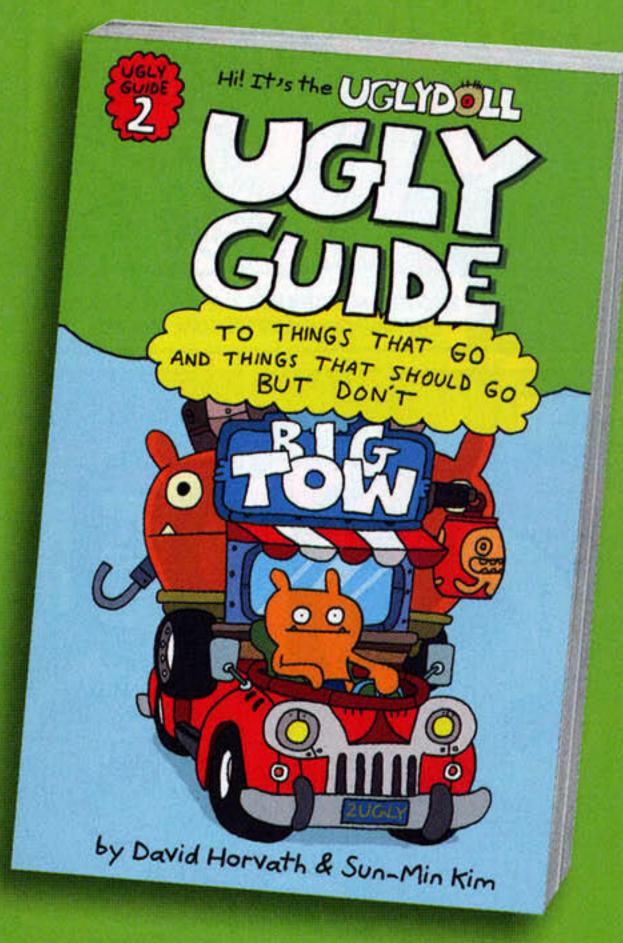
Okay, here are my new demands!
I want an 80-foot boat, Every
week I want gold bullion poured
in my pants, I want Earl of
My Name is Earl to change
his name to Latisha! I want —

Face cringe! Face cringe!

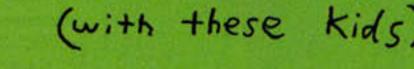


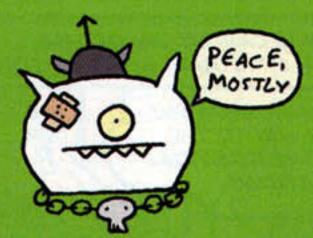
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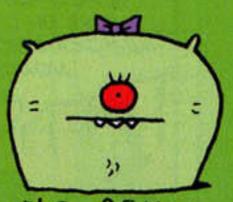


Do You HAVE CLASS? (with these kids)





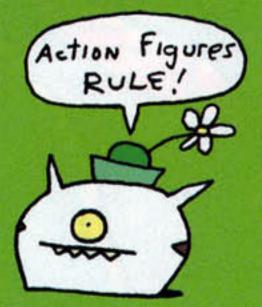
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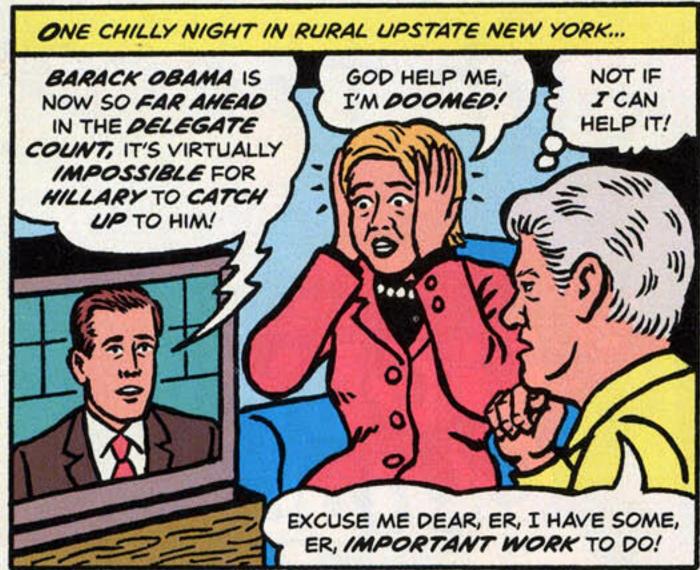
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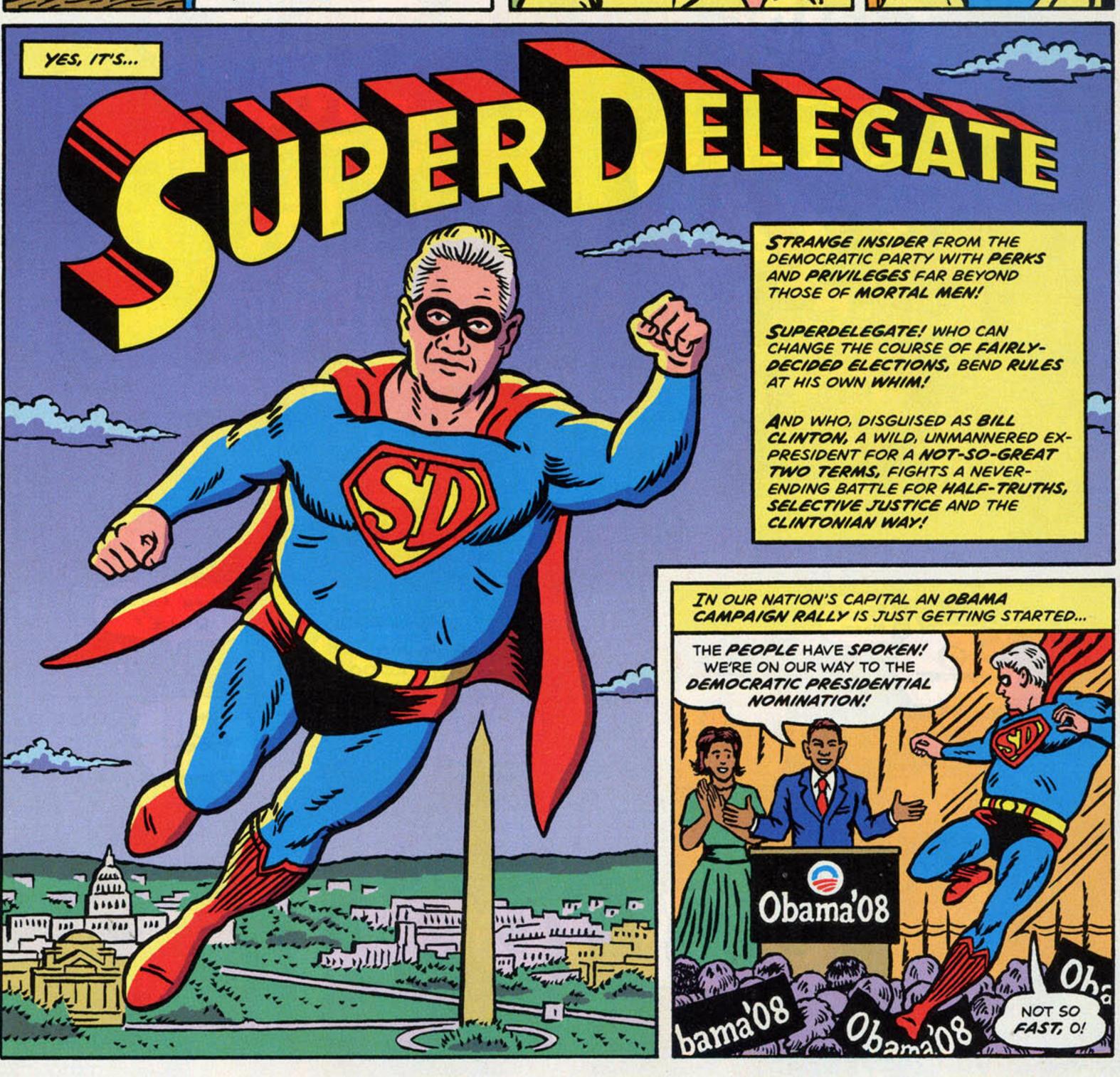
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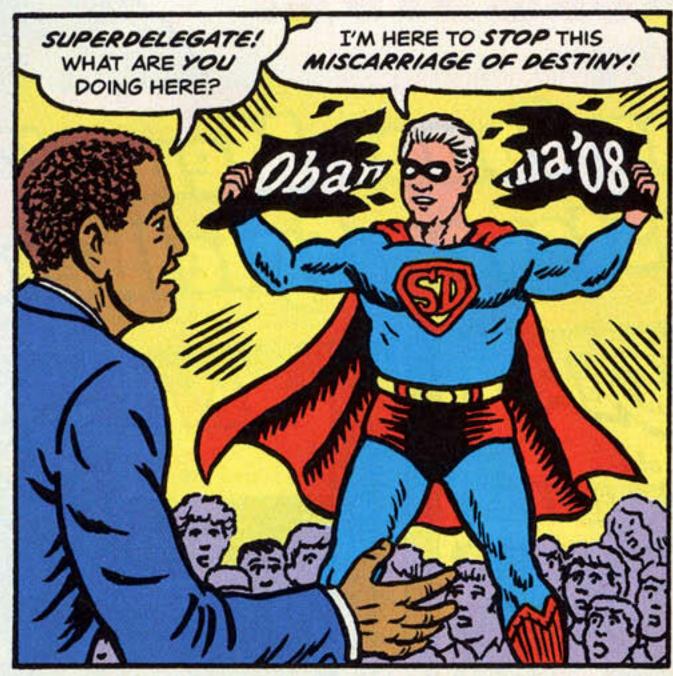


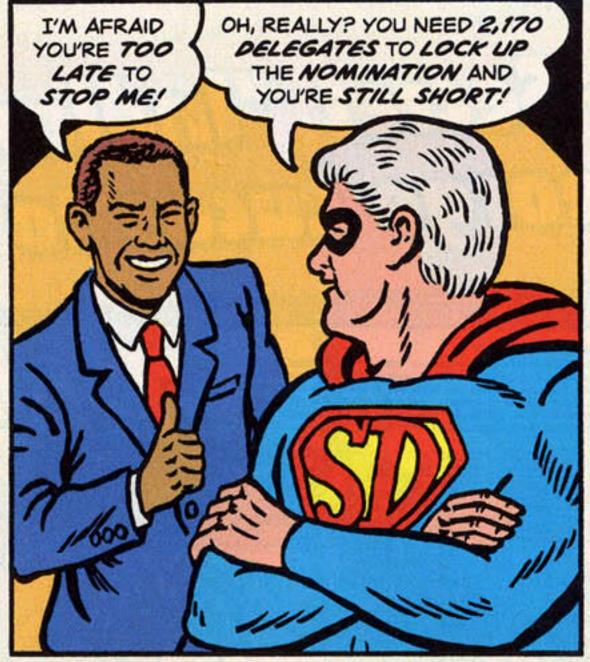


AND SO, IN THE SOLITUDE OF HIS PRIVATE STUDY...

THAT FIEND OBAMA MUST BE STOPPED! THIS IS A JOB FOR... SUPERDELEGATE!







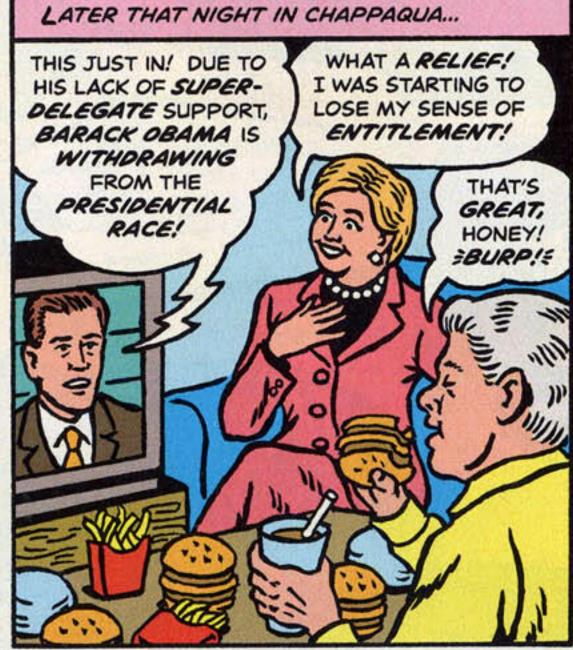










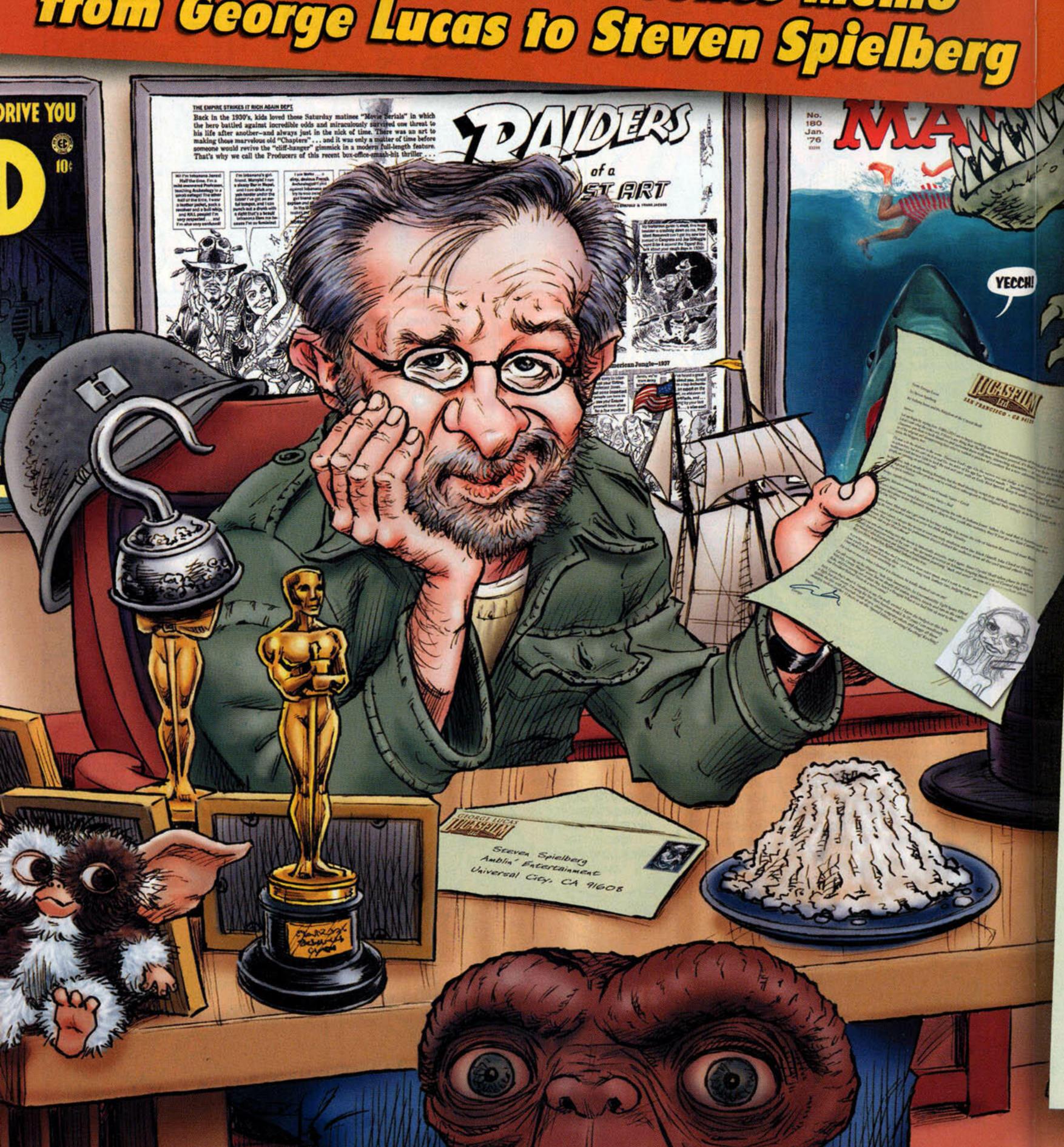






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The Top-Secret "Indiana Jones Memo" from George Lucas to Steven Spielberg





From: George Lucas

To: Steven Spielberg

Re: Indiana Jones and the Kingdom of the Crystal Skull

Steve-o:

Let me begin by saying how THRILLED I am to begin working on our fourth installment of the Indiana Jones trilogy. I don't care what the critics say, If there's one thing that The Phantom Menace proved, it's that I know how to take beloved characters, put them in fresh situations and surround them with new, interesting characters — all without tarnishing the legacy of the original and disappointing fans who've waited a quarter of a century for a new adventure. Screw the critics! And screw the bloggers, too!

I'll start with the elephant in the room — Harrison Ford's age. On the screen we can fudge a 66-year-old geezer playing an action hero, but we can't do it in real life. An actor of his age has "special needs." Specifically, we're replacing the traditional Craft Services Table to feed the cast and crew with an Early Bird Special. Keep it under your hat, but Harrison's

In this movie, Indy is mostly battling Russians, but the final shooting script may include some Nazi references. I know you've depicted Nazis in other projects you've worked on subsequent to the original Indy trilogy, so to be on the safe side

- Benign, vaguely-threatening Raiders/Last Crusade Nazis = Good
- Sadistic, Holocaust-causing Schindler's List Nazis = Bad

Bad news: Sean Connery turned down a chance to reprise his role as Indiana Jones' father. He said that if America wants to see a past-their-prime senior desperately trying to cling to their youth this summer, they'll just go see Kim Cattrall in

Good news: Karen Allen said she's got room in her busy schedule to reprise the role of Marion Ravenwood from Raiders... assuming she can get another waitress to cover her shifts at Ruby Tuesday.

You know, when I direct, I always like to cast at least one truly mediocre actor like Mark Hamill, Jake Lloyd or Hayden Christensen. That way I can be sure his performance doesn't distract the audience from all the cool special effects. You should try to use the same method when you direct this film. Which reminds me, did we get Shia LaBeouf?

I got your note about making sure this movie is historically accurate, and I agree. Since Crystal Skull takes place in 1957, we should depict important events of the year — like the racist governor of Arkansas keeping blacks out of Central High School, the bloody Cuban Revolution and American schoolchildren practicing "duck and cover" in case of a Soviet nuclear attack. But, you know, in that fun, lighthearted Indiana Jones way.

As you know, the script hints that the Crystal Skull is from outer space, and I want to make sure we have a really scary, ghoulish-looking alien — long neck, leathery face, bulging eyes, etc. I had the boys at ILM work something up (see attached sketch)...

For whatever reason, when I showed it to Harrison, he totally freaked out on me!

I'm still working on the obligatory "Indy Gets Jammed Into An Uncomfortably Tight Space Filled With Icky, Creepy Things" scene. But we already did snakes, spiders, insects and rats in the earlier flicks, and I'm running out of ideas. Hey, here's a thought: what if we had him sit next to then-Vice President Richard Nixon in a men's sauna?

Well, I guess that's about it. Needless to say, I'm really excited. I know the budget on this baby is high, but don't worry. I'm using the Star Wars business model: in 15 years I can needlessly update the film with 20 seconds worth of new, cheesy computer effects and charge all those nostalgic suckers another 12 bucks to see the "Special Edition." Ka-ching! Ka-ching! Ka-ching! Yours,

George



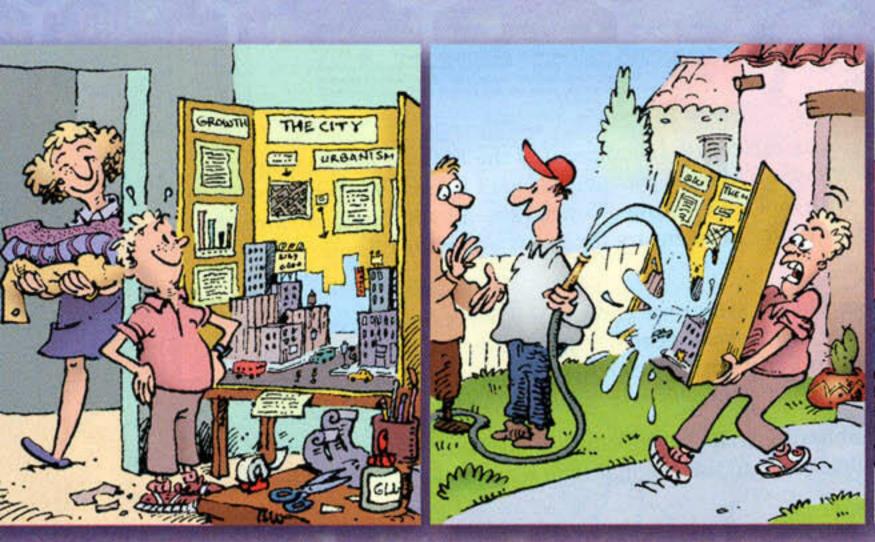


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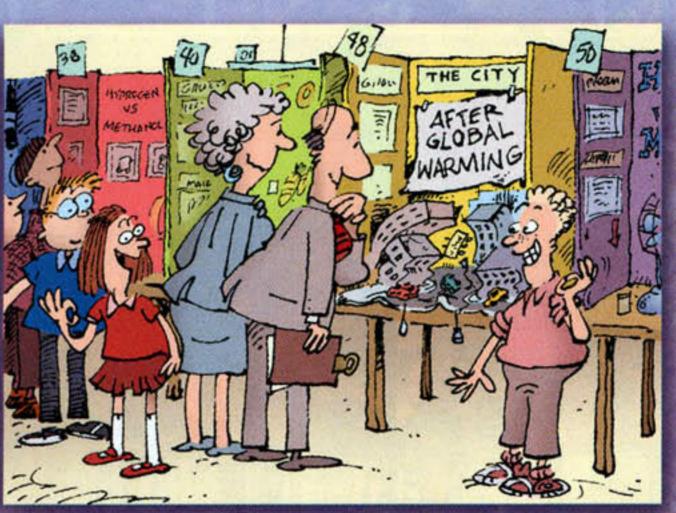
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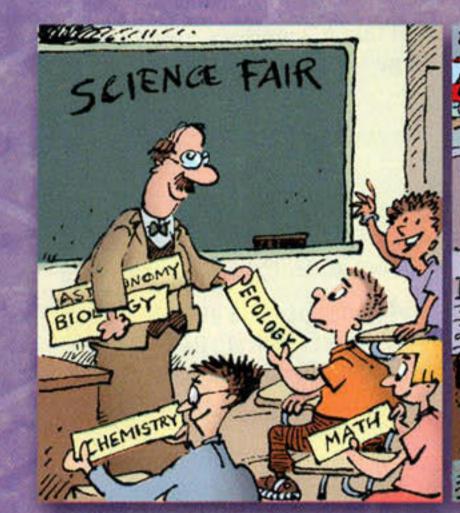
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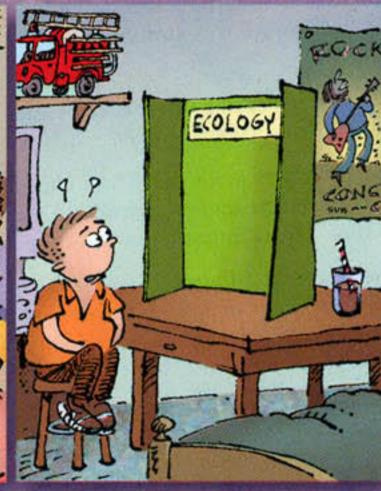


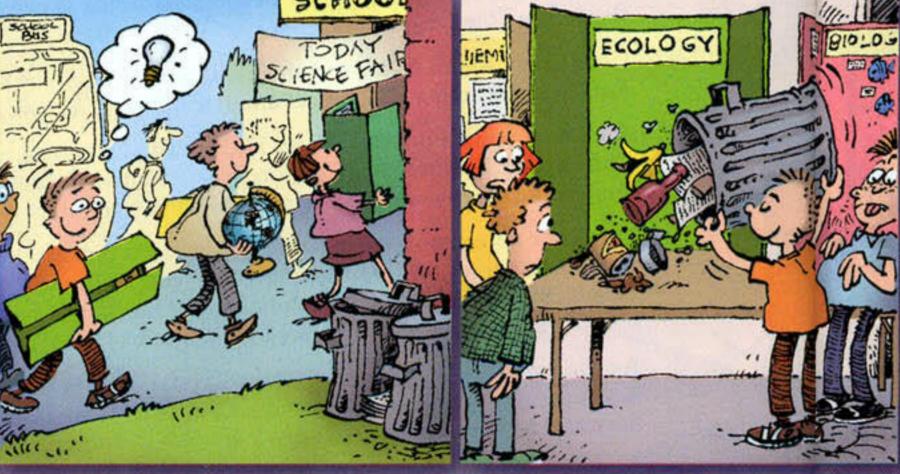


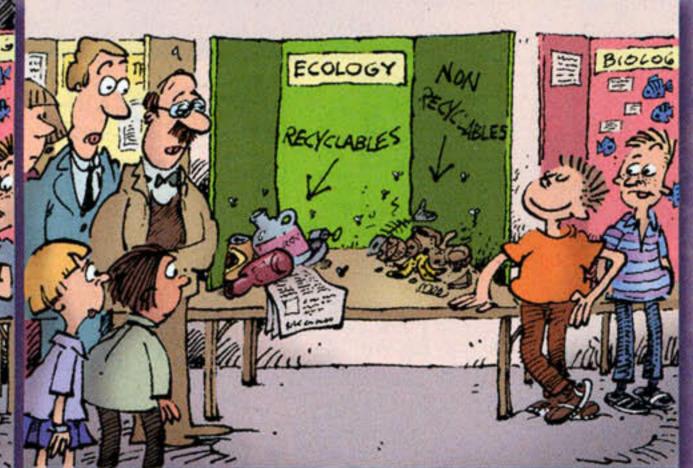






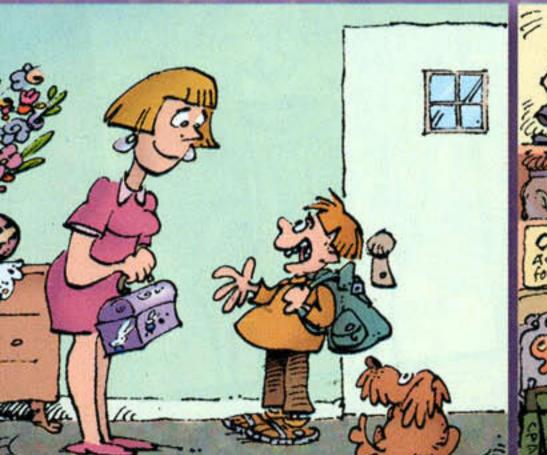


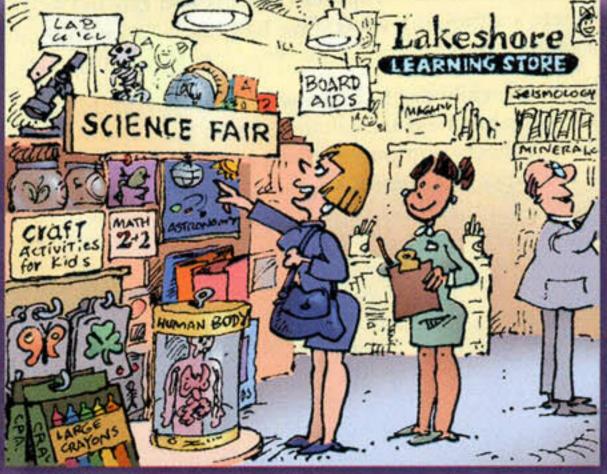


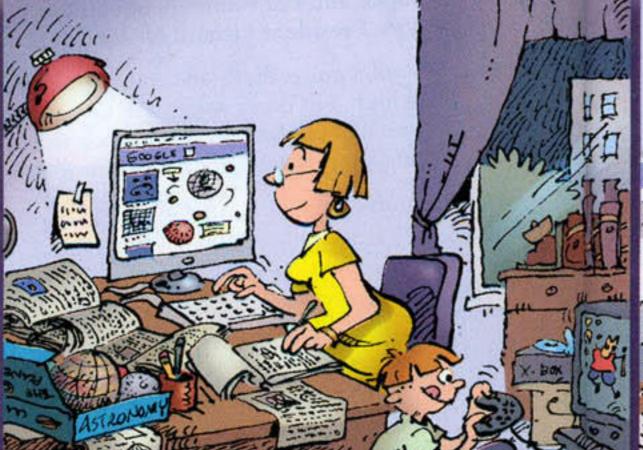


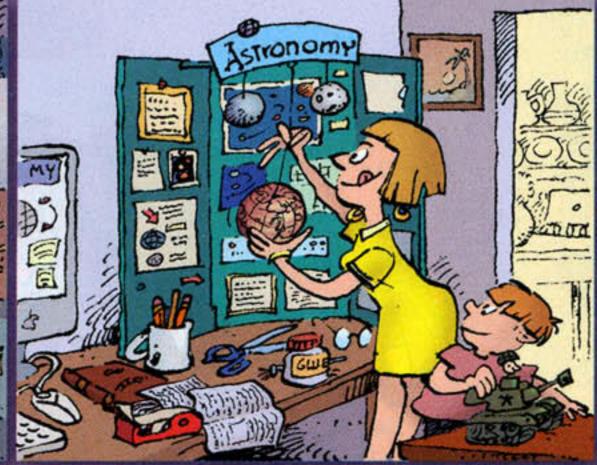


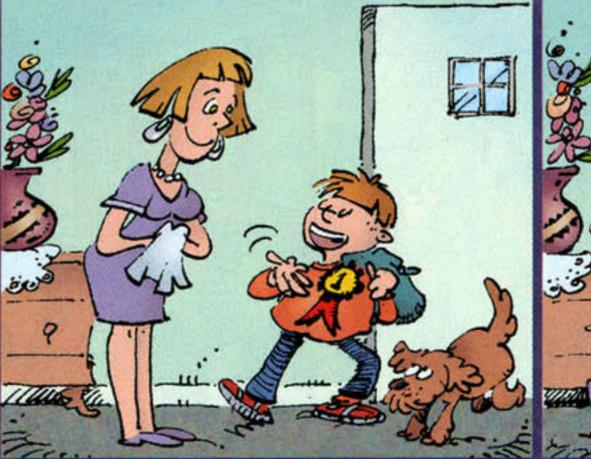
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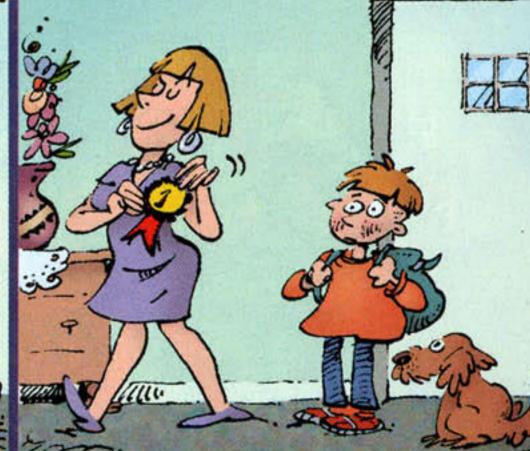


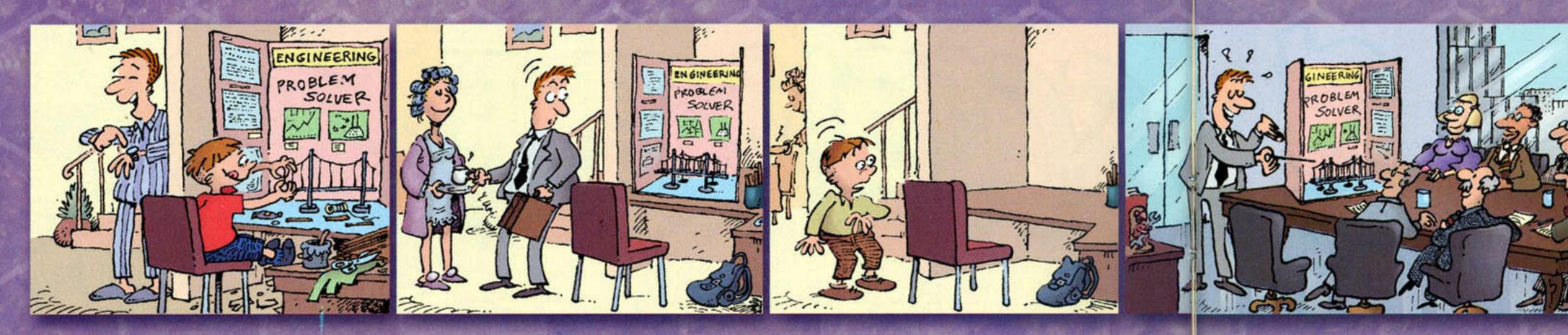


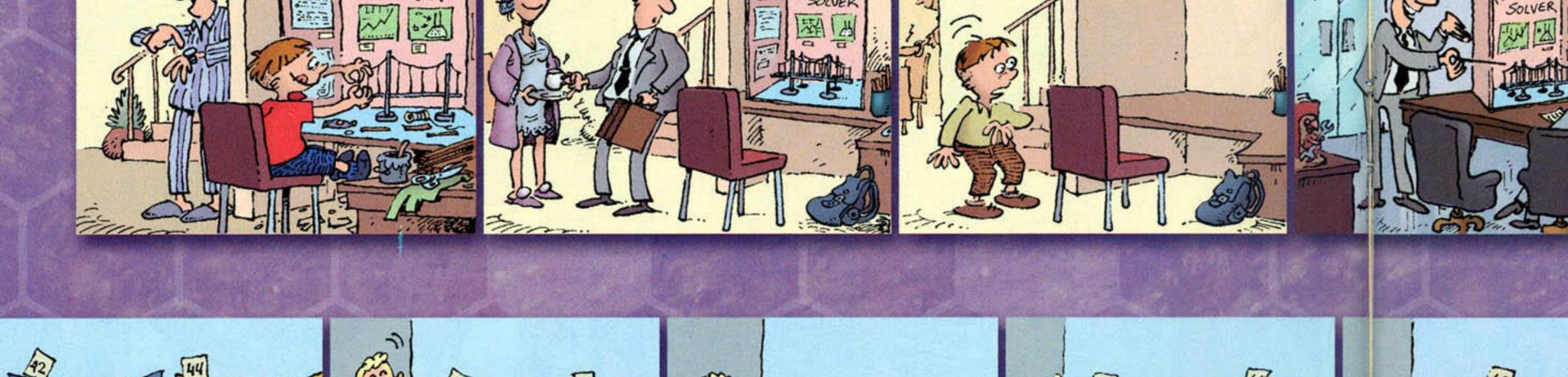




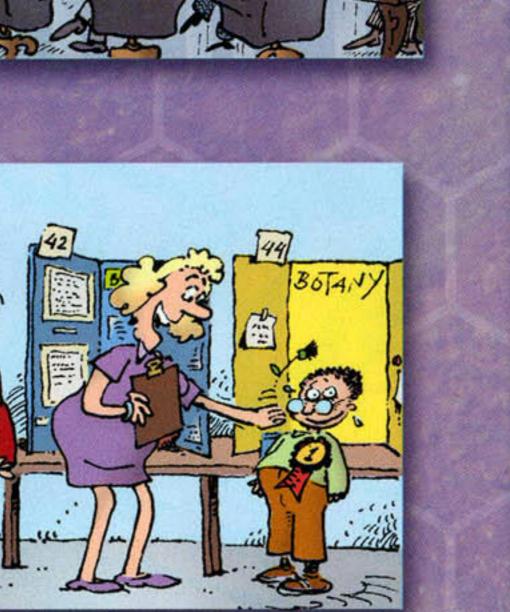


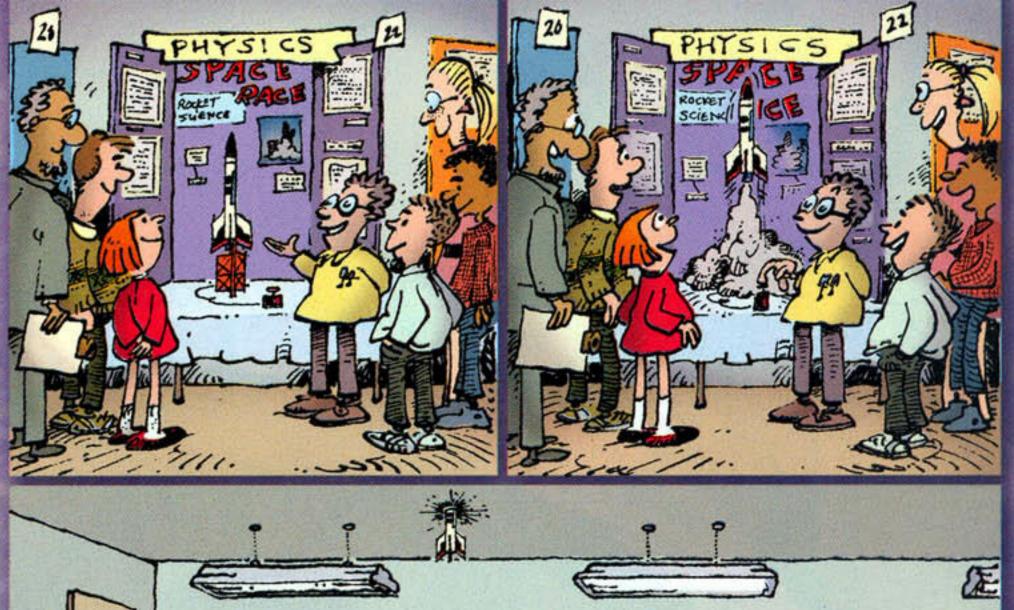


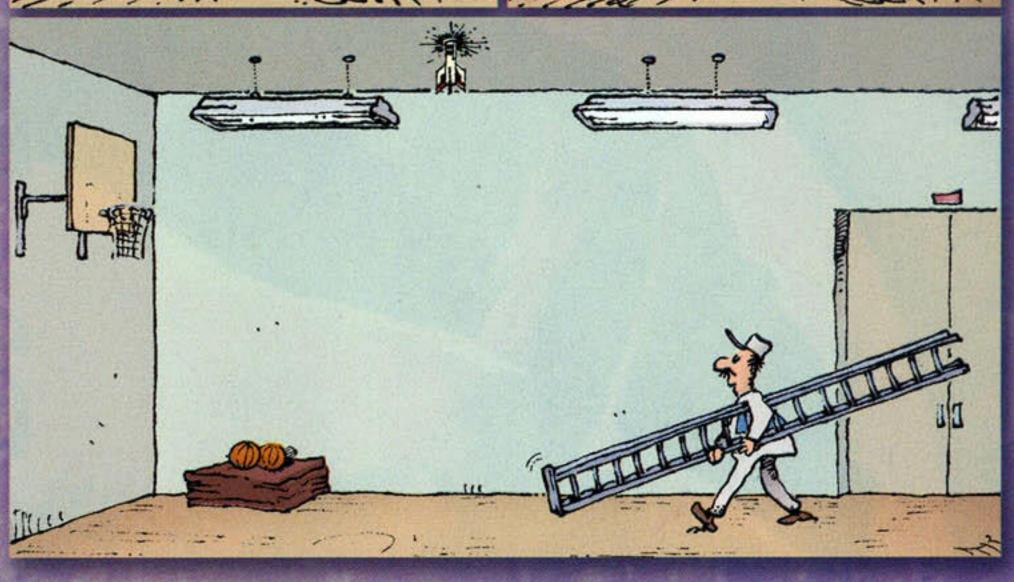




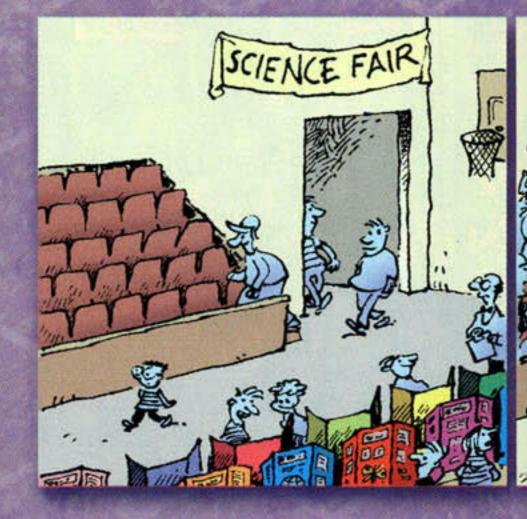


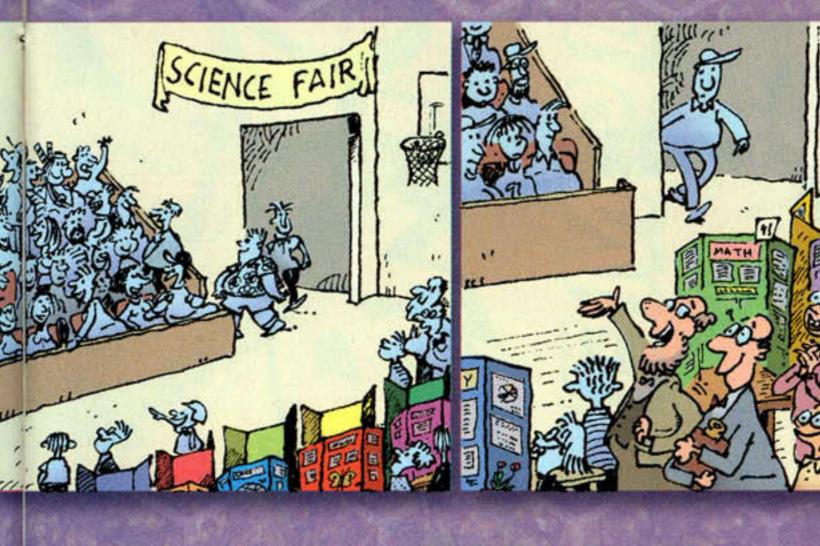






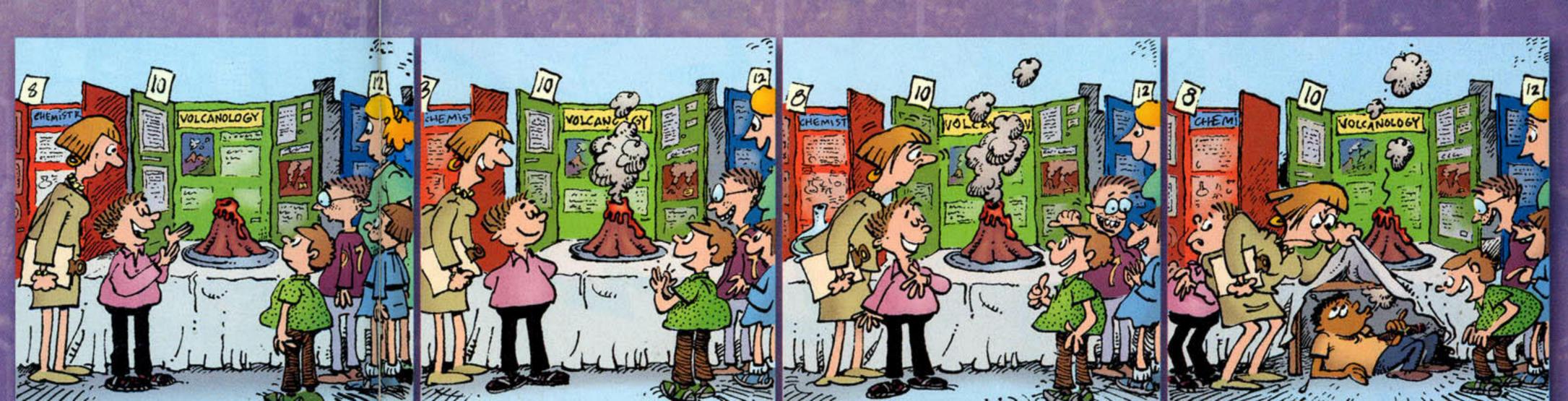


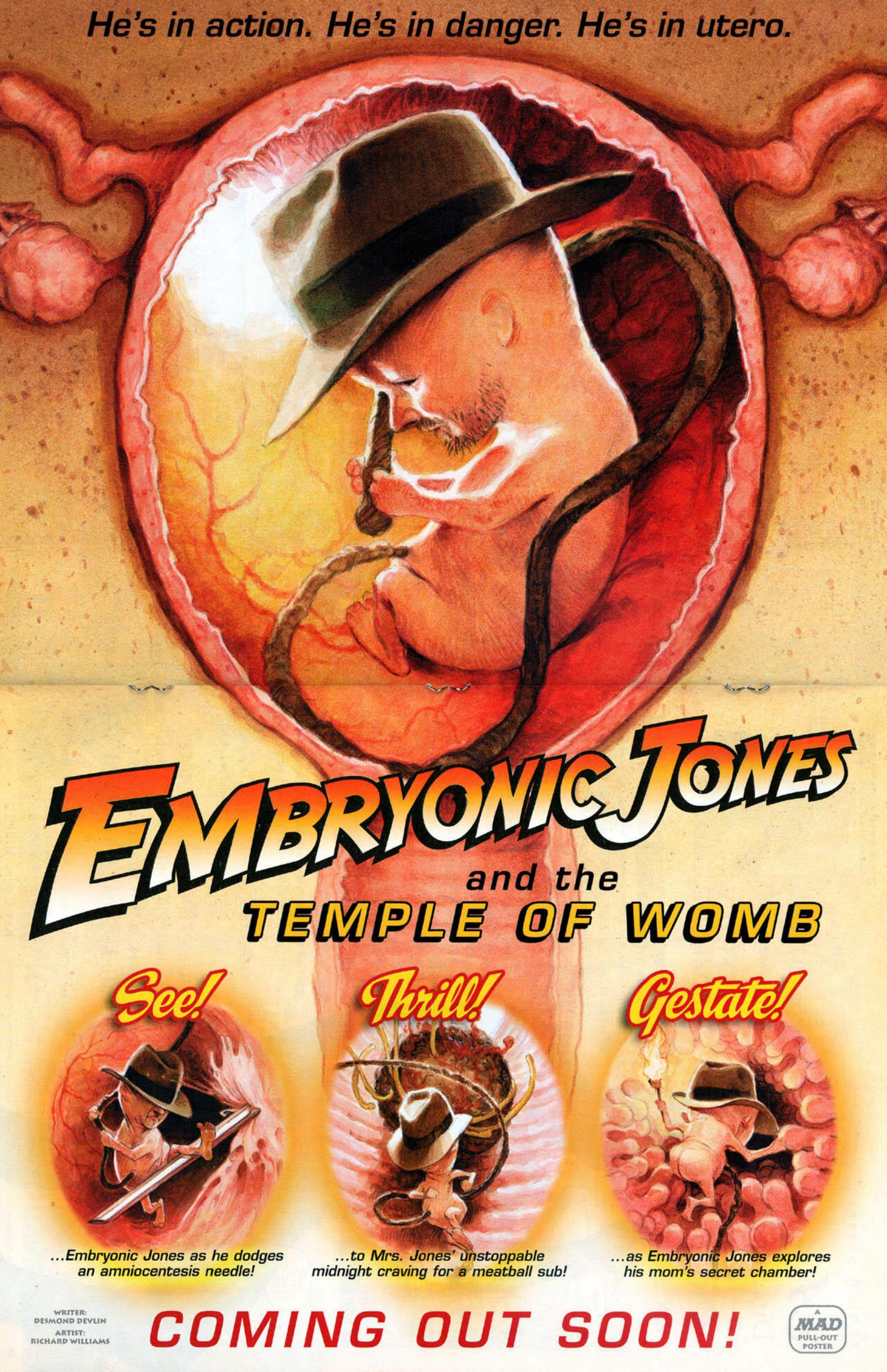




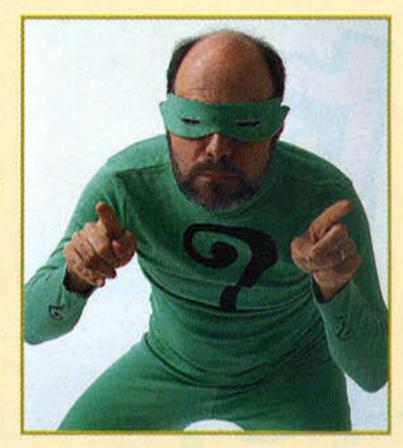








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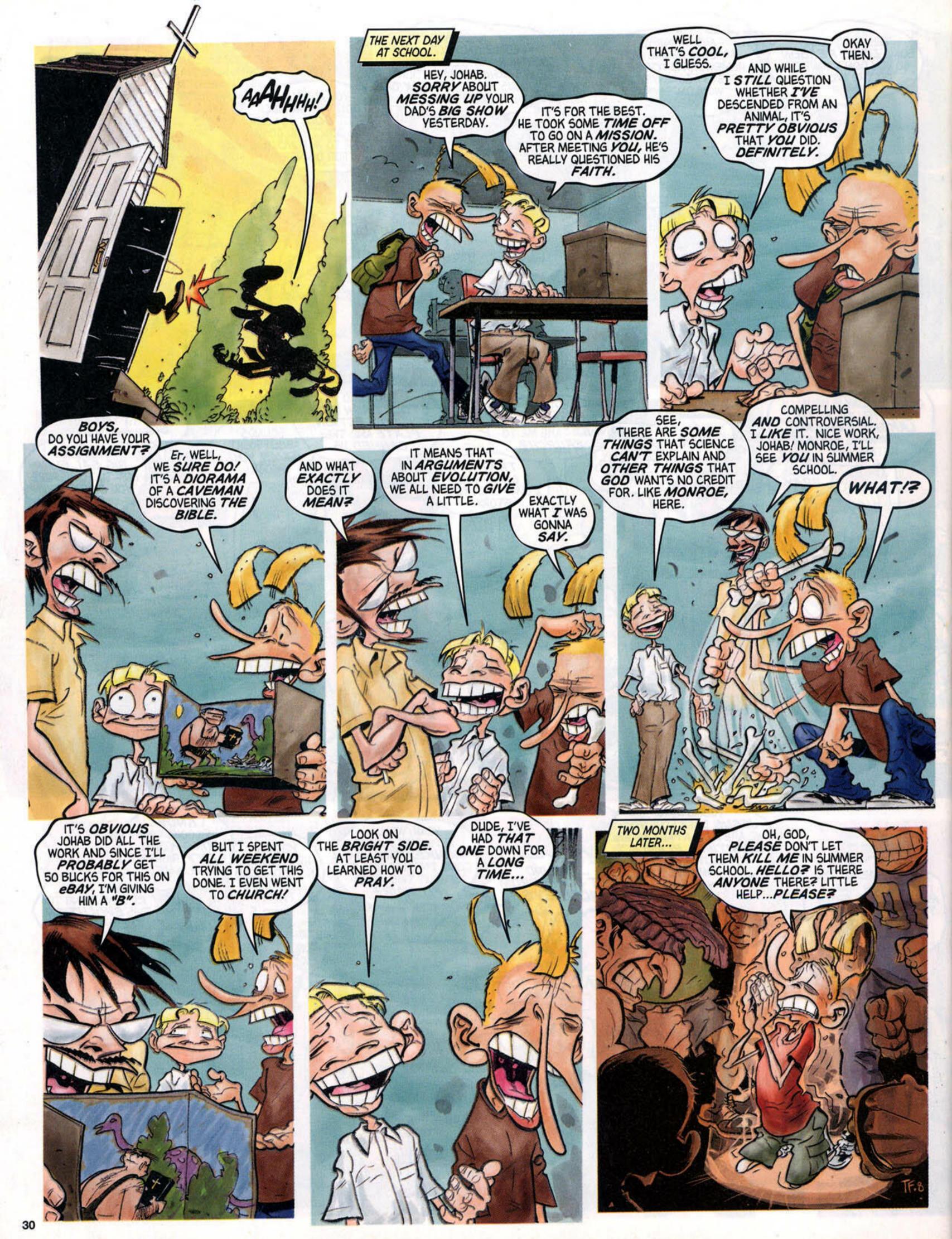
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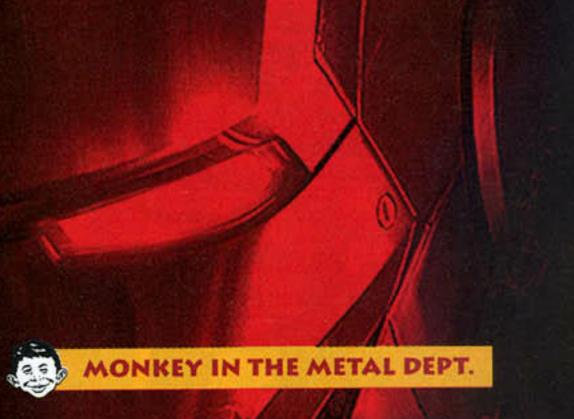
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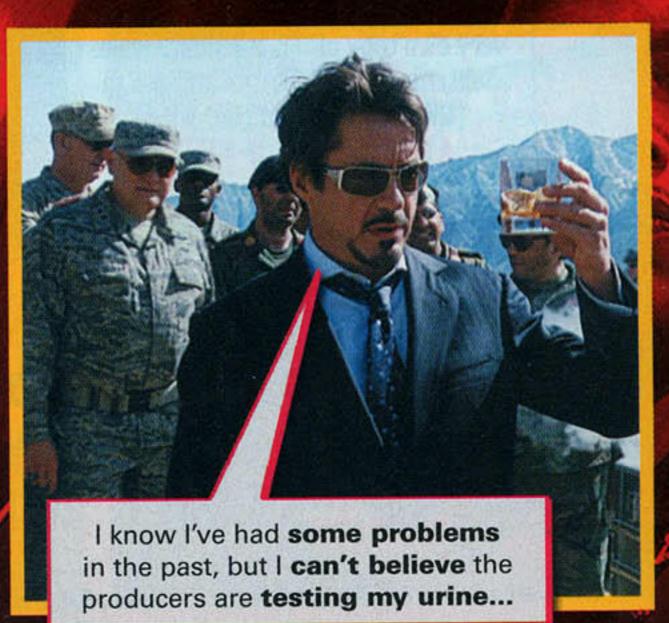


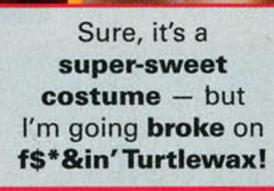




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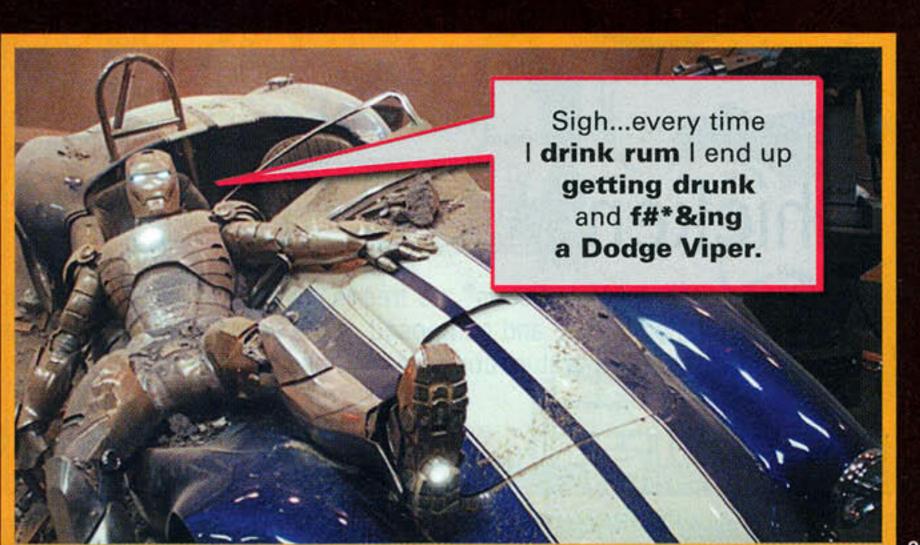


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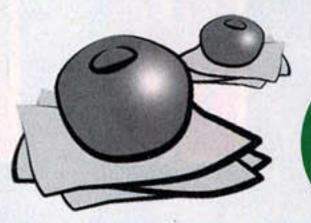
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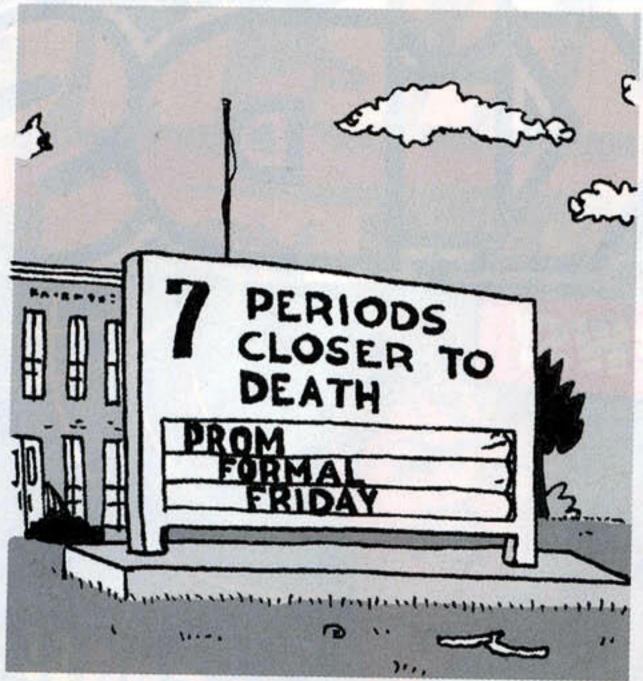
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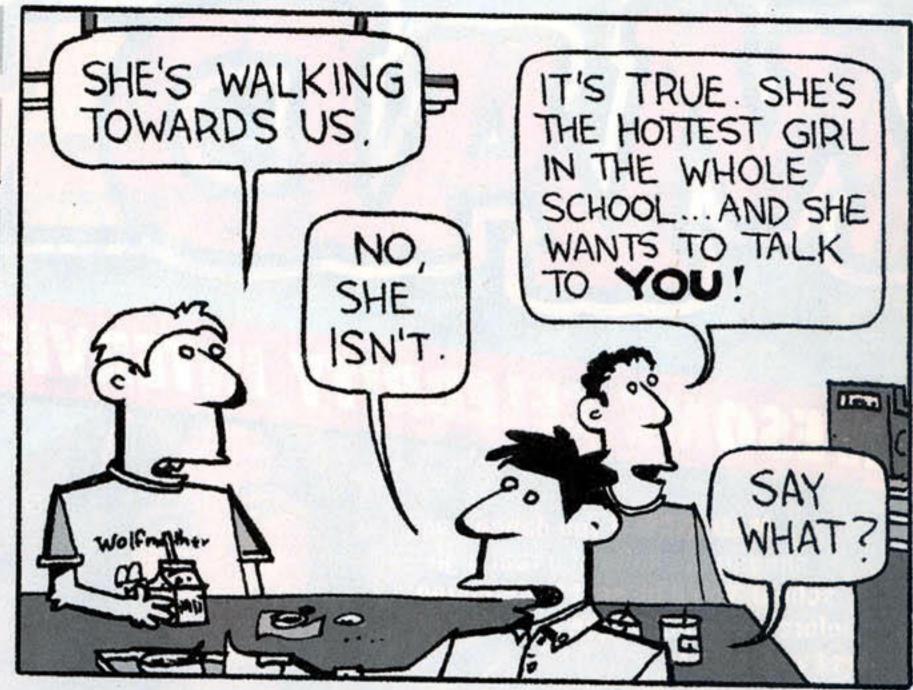


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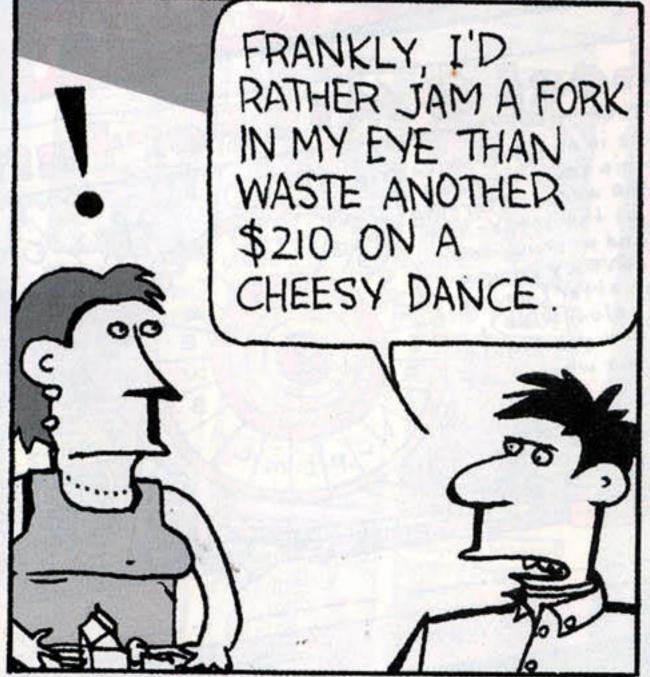
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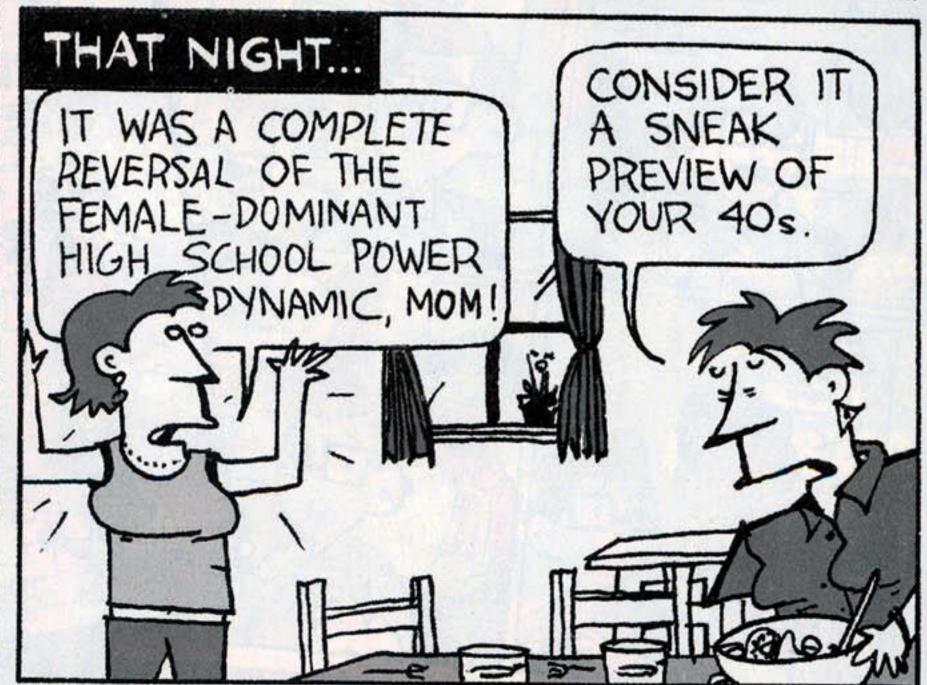




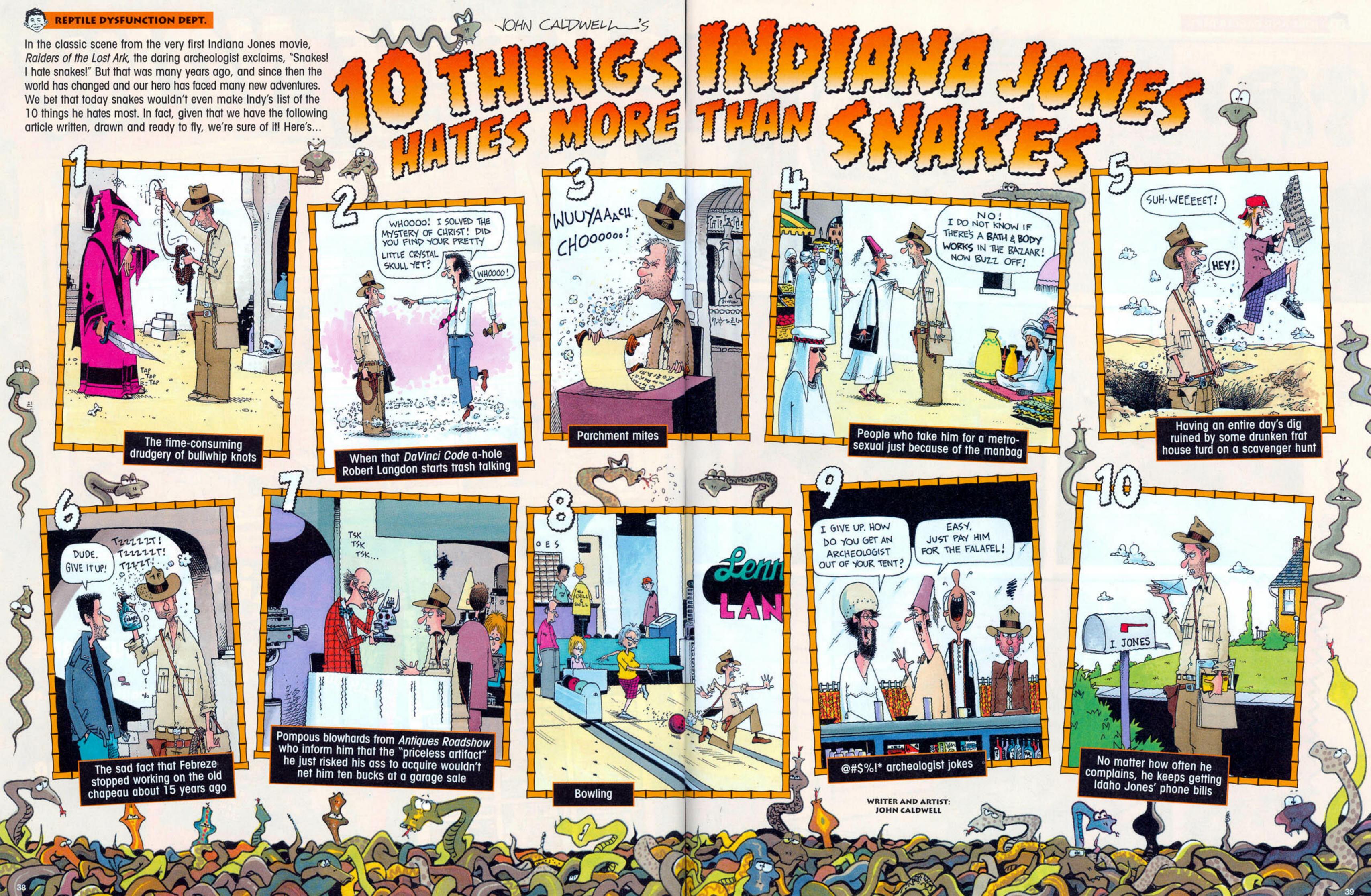


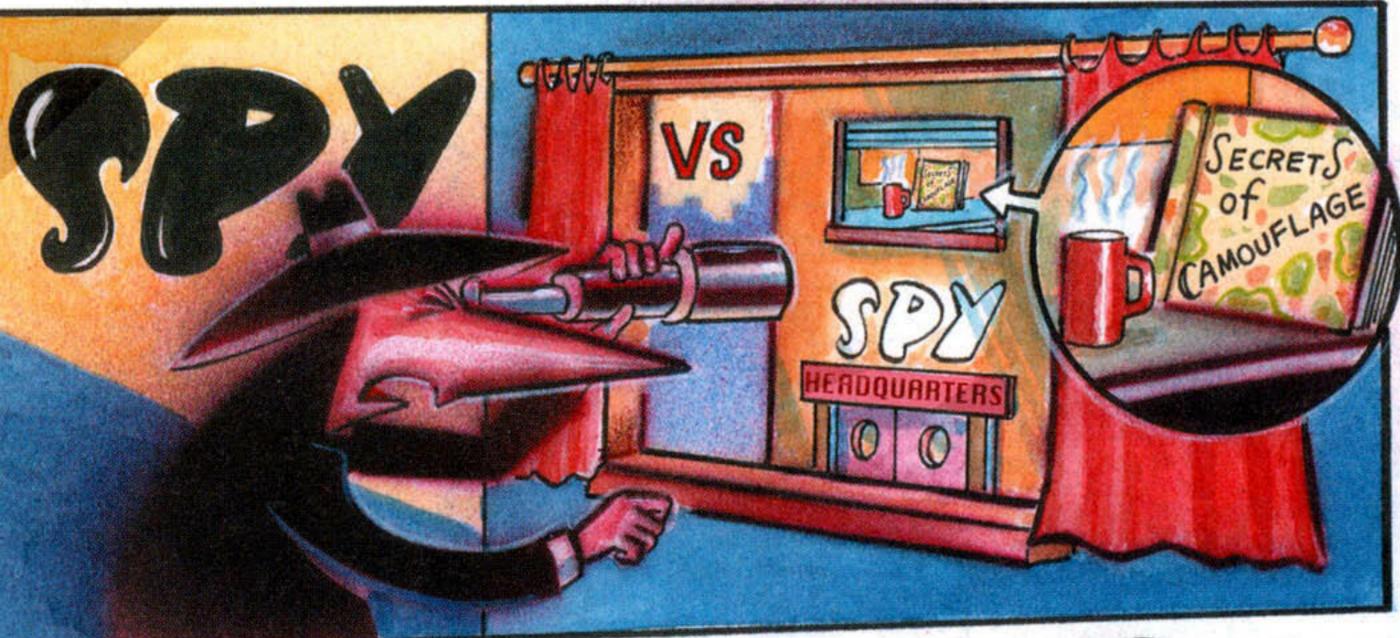


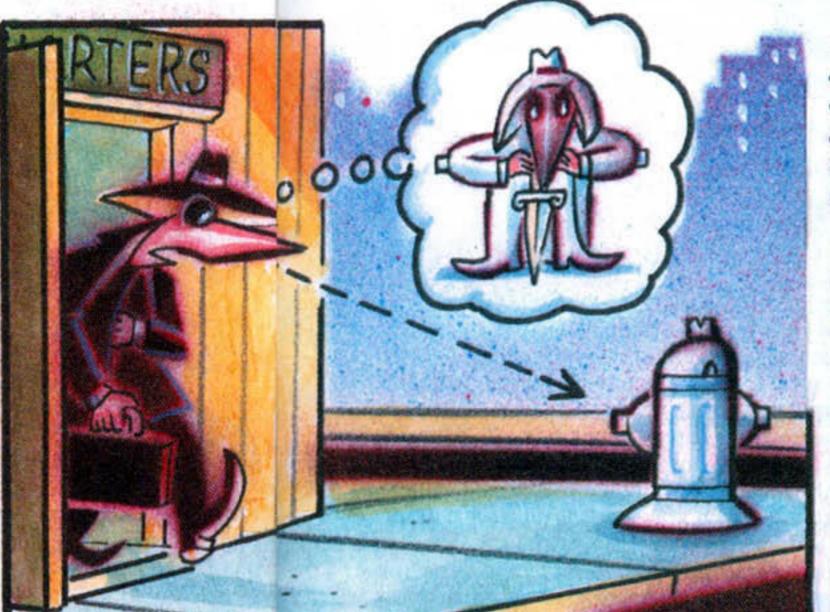




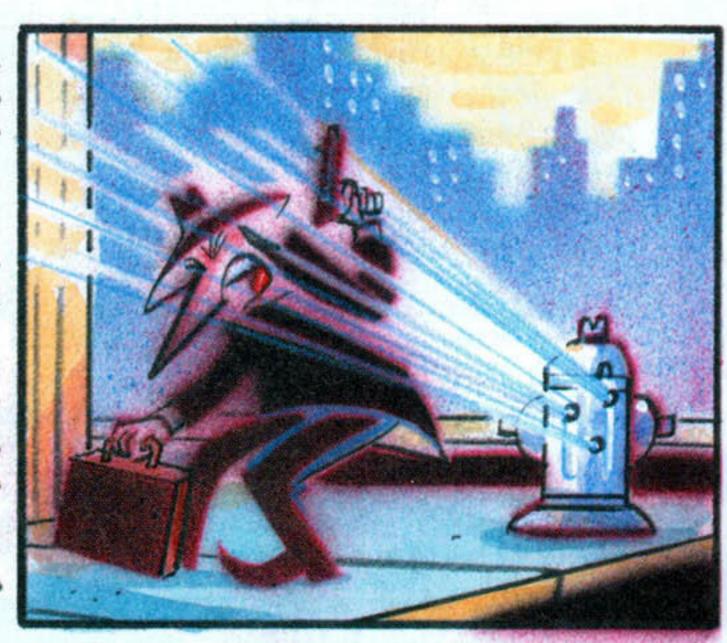










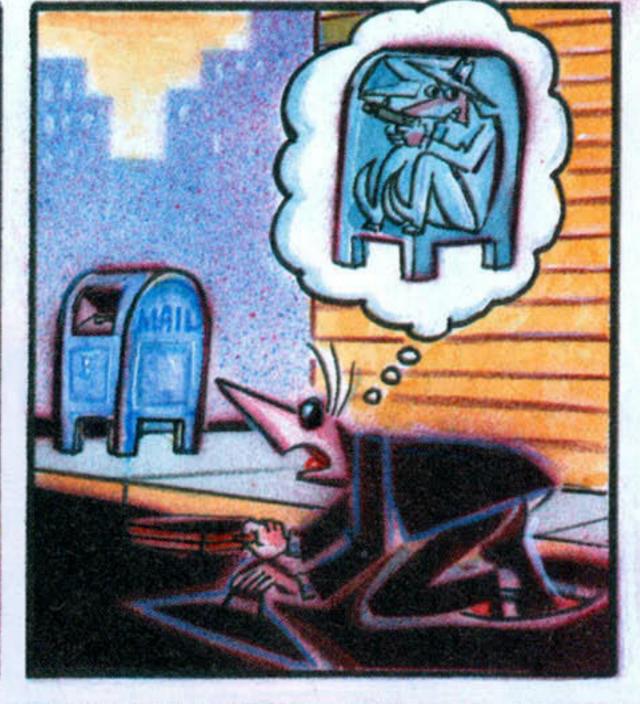


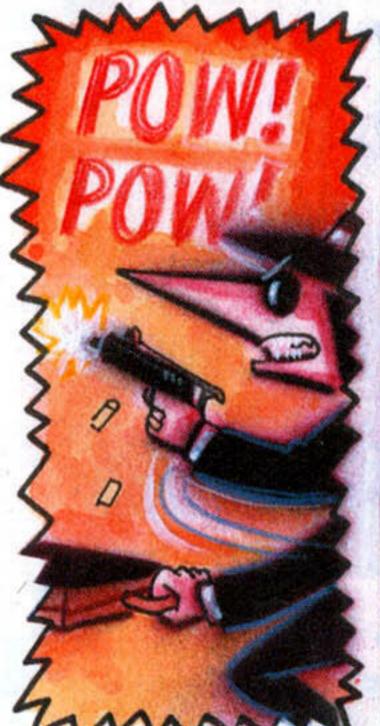




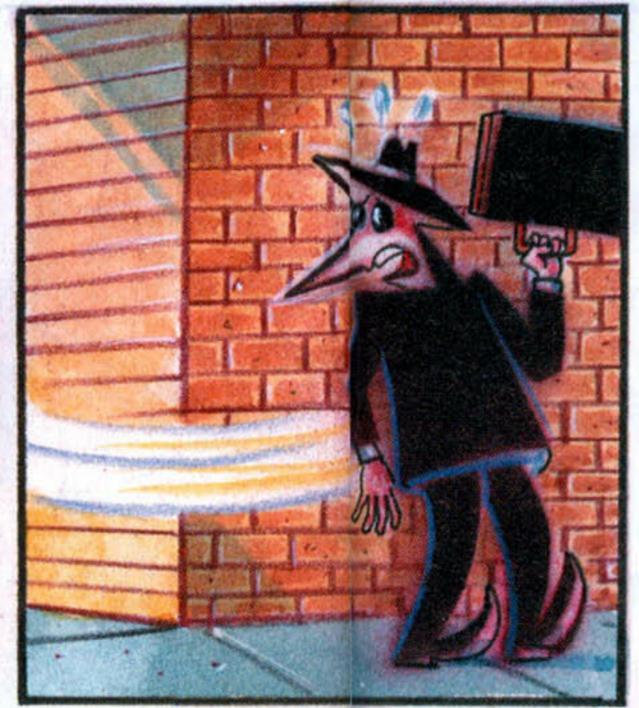


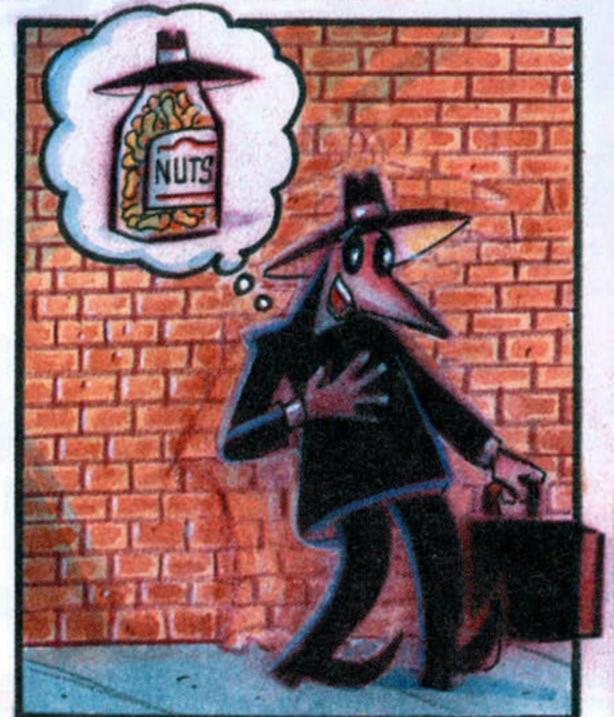












WRITER AND ARTIST: PETER KUPER



KUPER

Here's the show that stars Michael C. Hall, the guy from Six Feet Under! On that show, he could talk with people who had just died. On this show, he speaks with people who are about to die! We guess that's a step up in some perverse way! On this series there's so much mutilation and gore, the producers thought of calling it Dissects and the City! Spoiler alert: maybe you've only seen the first season, but (and don't kill us now) we're taking on the first two seasons of...

DEALESTER

WRITER: CHARLIE KADAU

ARTIST: HERMANN MEJIA

I'm Deathster Morgue'in...I kill people...lots of people! Inside, I'm a raging storm of darkness... the gloomy fog of despair clouds my vision... a flood of moody melancholy rains upon me...with narration like that, you're probably wondering why I don't work at The Weather Channel! Killing is part of me! Sometimes I work fast but most times I'm slow and methodical — for instance, you see these donuts I always bring in for my co-workers? They're

That's Detective Angel Badteaser! He's great, especially in cases involving Miami's large Cuban and Latino population! You know, I love the Spanish language, the words sound so romantic to me...muerte, machete, violencia!

When I work undercover, no one suspects I'm a cop — that's because of my tacky wardrobe! On my meager police salary, even the homeless have better clothes than me! Working murder investigations with Deathster is...how shall I put it delicately... friggin' weird! I once told him I read that the five stages of dealing with death are Denial, Anger, Bargaining, Depression and Acceptance. He told me his five stages of dealing with death are Anticipation, Happiness, Joy, Ecstasy and Orgasm!

Those two are Captain Tom Asstore and Lt. Maria Lagrabba! They've climbed up the law enforcement ladder by following a modern police procedure: getting their face on TV more often than the cops on Law and Order!

I'm setting up a

photo op with the

Governor!

Catching Miami's latest serial killer is going to call for some good old-fashioned police work, so I'm issuing a press release!

I'm calling a press conference!

Too late! I'm sitting in for Elizabeth Hasselbeck!

I'm sitting in for Joy
Behar on The View!

Damn,
you're good!

Here's my foster sister, Debrat, an up-and-coming detective! To say she has "guy problems" would be an understatement! Her last boyfriend almost broke her heart — and her lungs, spleen, head and neck!

When we were growing up, I didn't think there was anything unusual about Deathster! In fact, we used to play all the standard kids' games, like Cowboys and Cattle Mutilators, Cops and Sociopathic Killers and Slice the Head Off the Donkey!

loaded with trans fat! Let me introduce the crew!

That picture is my foster dad,
Scary Morgue'in! He was
a brilliant policeman and a
kind, decent and loving father.
When he realized I exhibited the
tendencies of a serial killer, he
did what any good cop would do:
he taught me to blend in and hide
my aberration so I could go on
killing for decades! Thanks, Dad!

Here's Sgt. Croakes! He's the only member of the force creeped out by me! Can he sense the Dark Passenger within me? The curtain that hangs over my soul, with a matching valence of anguish and emptiness? Of course, a simpler explanation would be he just doesn't like white guys!

What Deathster doesn't know is I have some secrets of my own! I'm a former Special Ops officer and I've seen some pretty violent and disturbing events, like the first Gulf War, Haitian coups, and the worst of all, when Miami was flooded with Young Republicans during the 2000 Florida Presidential vote recount! THAT was ugly!

That's Vince Masukka

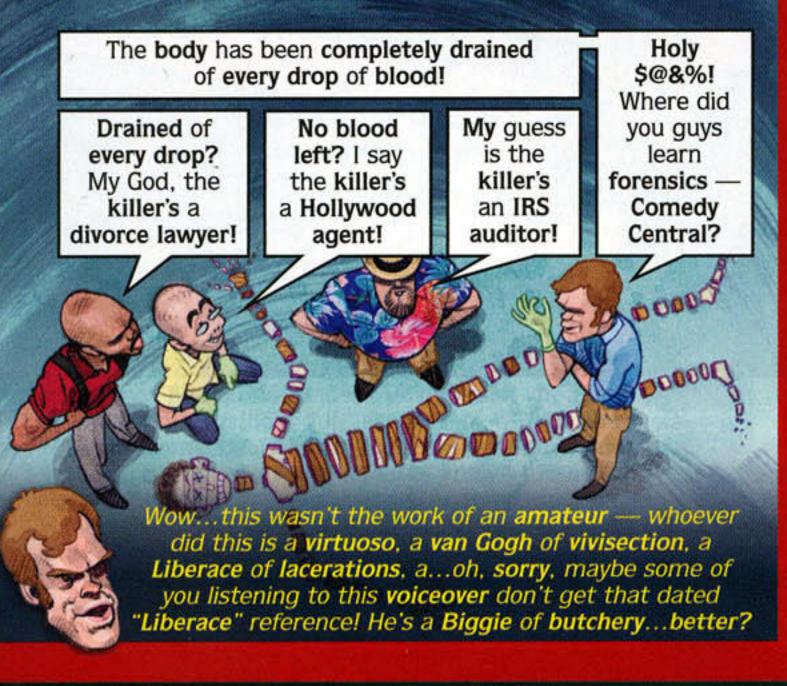
— my fellow forensics
expert, as well as a
horny, foul-mouthed,
gross, inappropriatecomment-making
geek! Think of him
as the Manga
version of Beavis
and Butt-head!

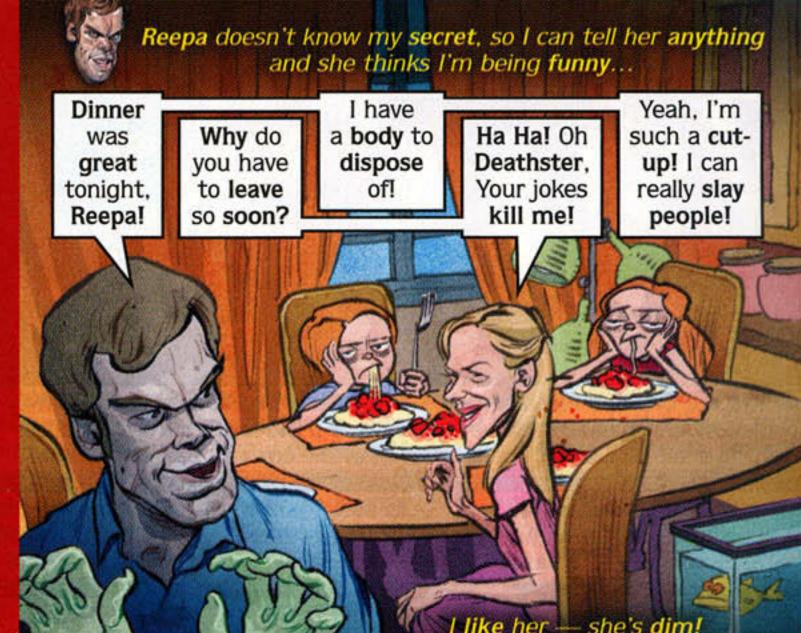
Contrary to what Deathster says,
I'm very sensitive and treasure
the affection of a woman!
I like to caress the small of
her back, playfully nibble her
earlobe, hold her close and tell
her she's safe in my arms — now
if I could only convince a LIVING
woman to let me do that!

Reepa's my girlfriend
— she's damaged like
me — an abusive exhusband gave her an
aversion to physical
passion. Good thing
for her — because
for me, rough sex
involves the use of a
reciprocating saw!

After my last relationship,
I feel so pale and lifeless, but
Deathster seems to LIKE that!
When I'm asleep, he'll
spend hours staring at my
motionless body! He bought
me some perfume he likes
me to wear — it has a foreign
name — Formaldehyde!

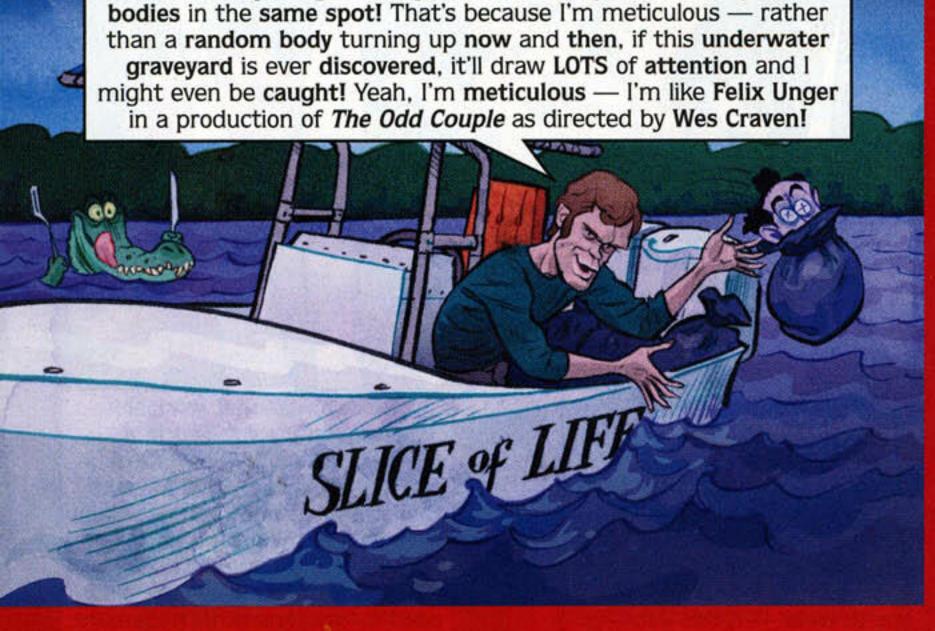
Don't forget me! I'm Liar,
Deathster's sponsor in a
substance abuse program!
I'm sexy, artsy, and I have a
British accent and long, jet-black
hair. Add my drug addiction
problem and general craziness,
and you can see why I'm being
sued for trademark infringement
by Amy Winehouse!







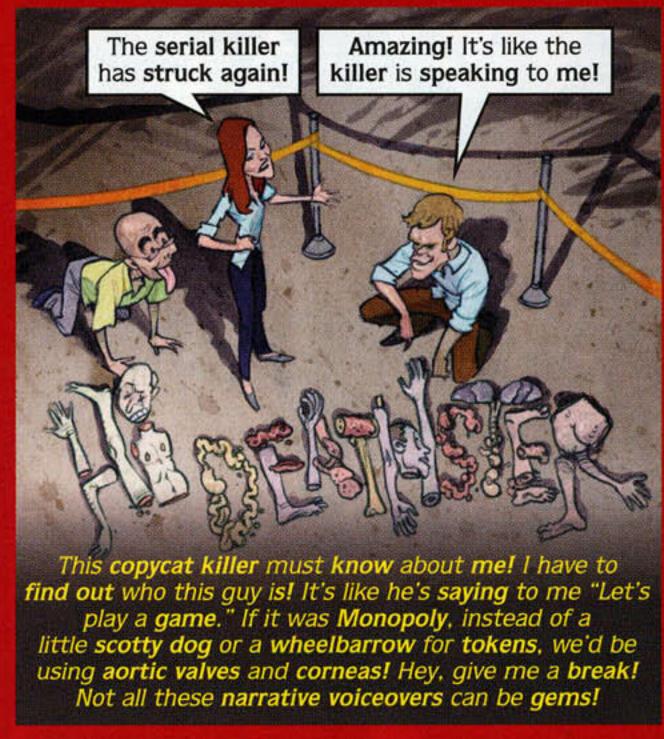


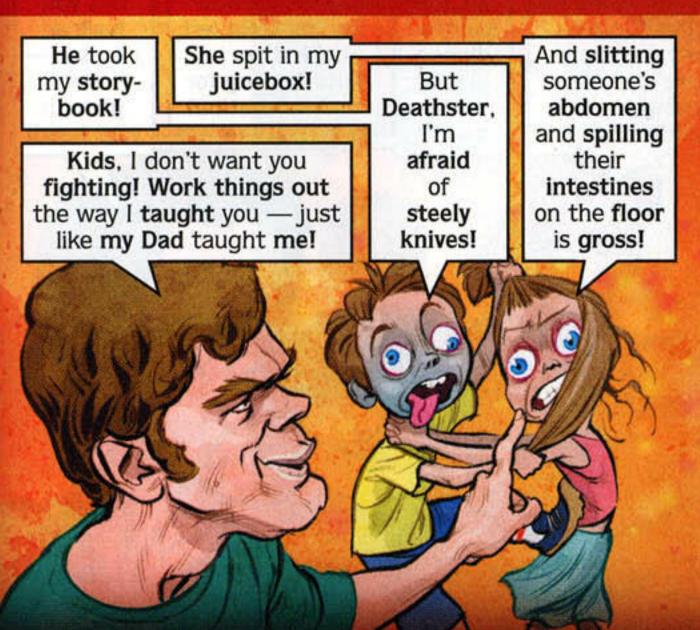


Killing makes me feel whole — it's my playmates who go all to pieces!

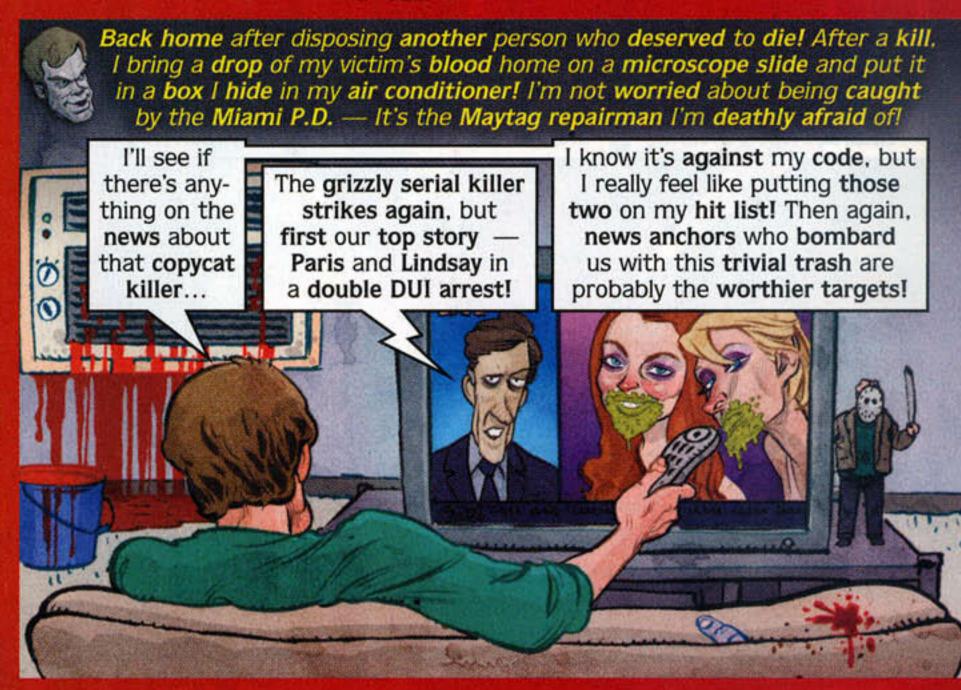
I've already killed 35 people — though I say I've only killed 28 — tax purposes!

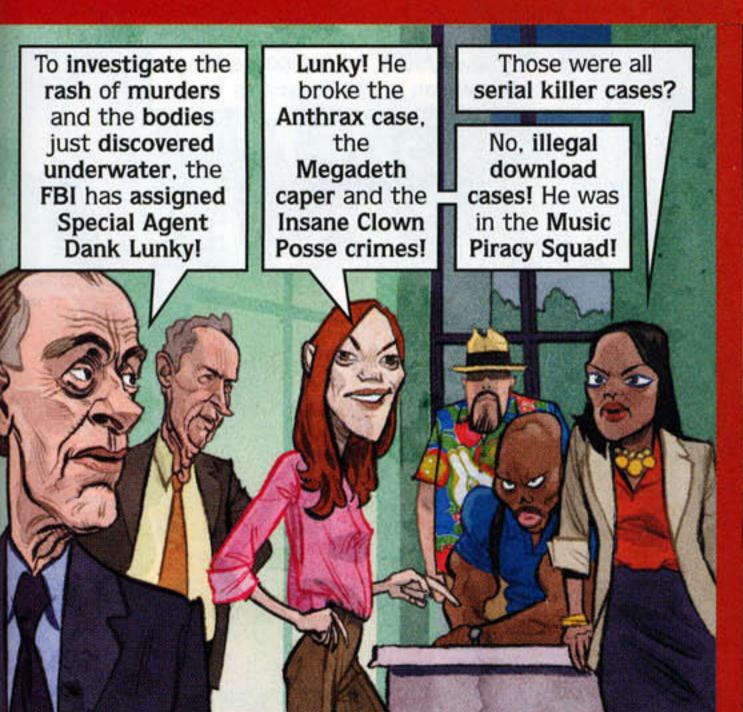
Instead of disposing the corpses in random places, I dump all the

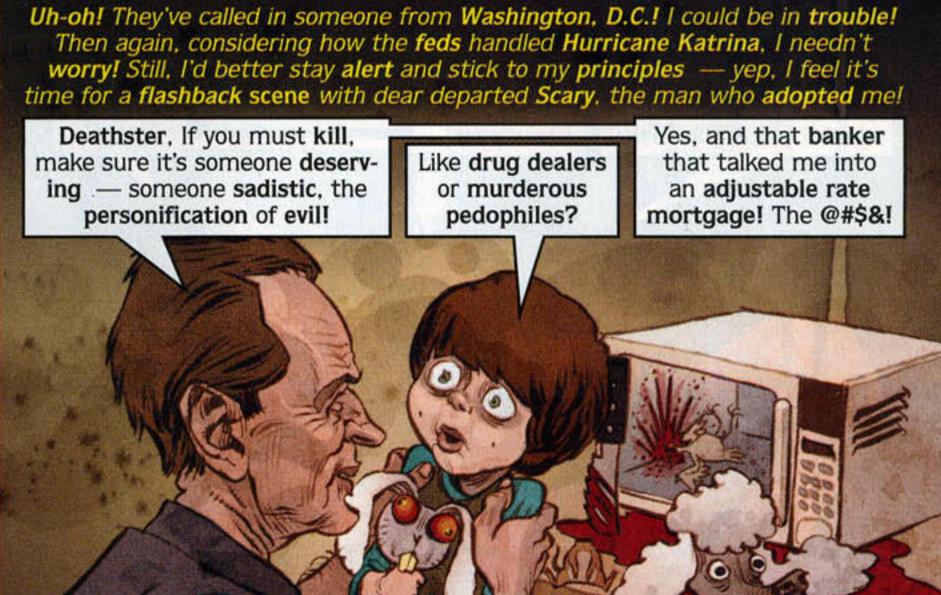


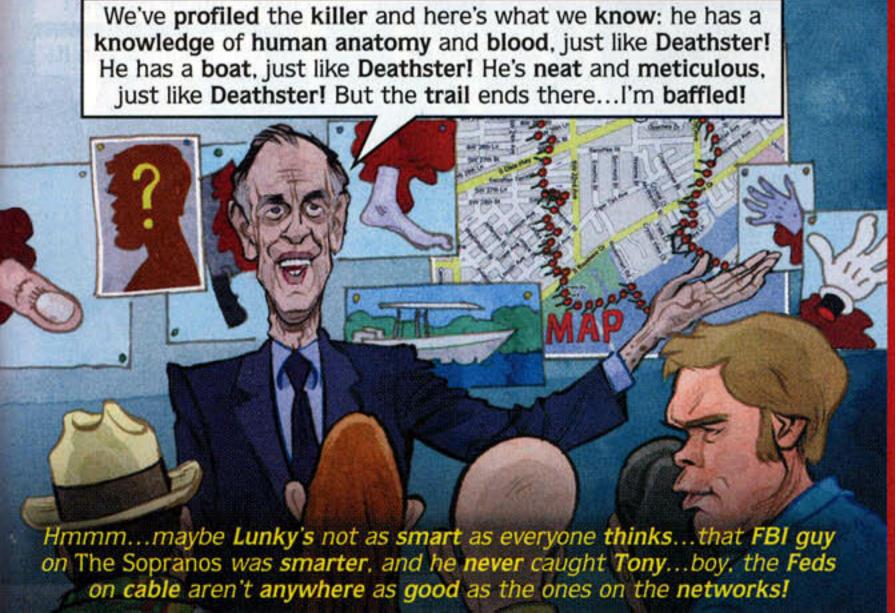


These kids today — what are you going to do with them?













Good

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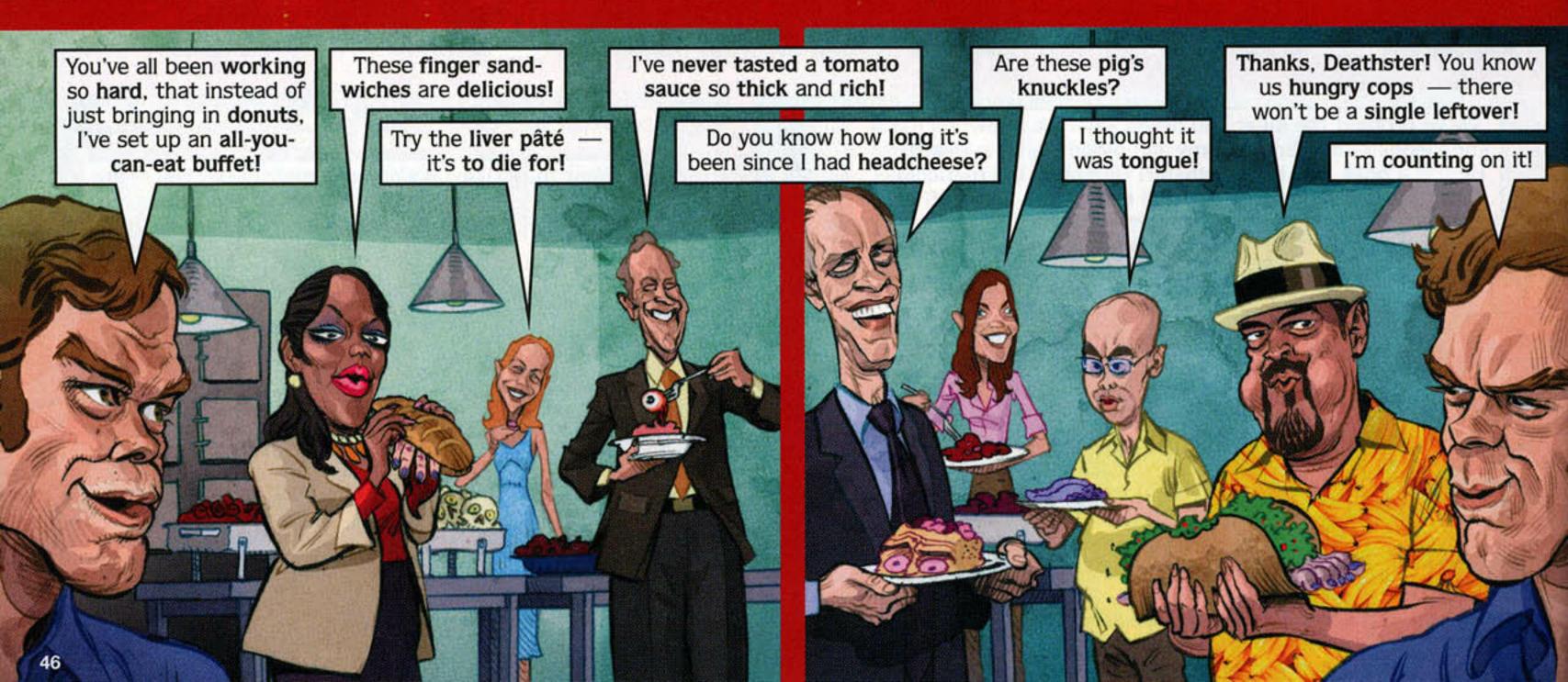
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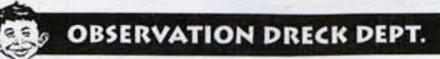
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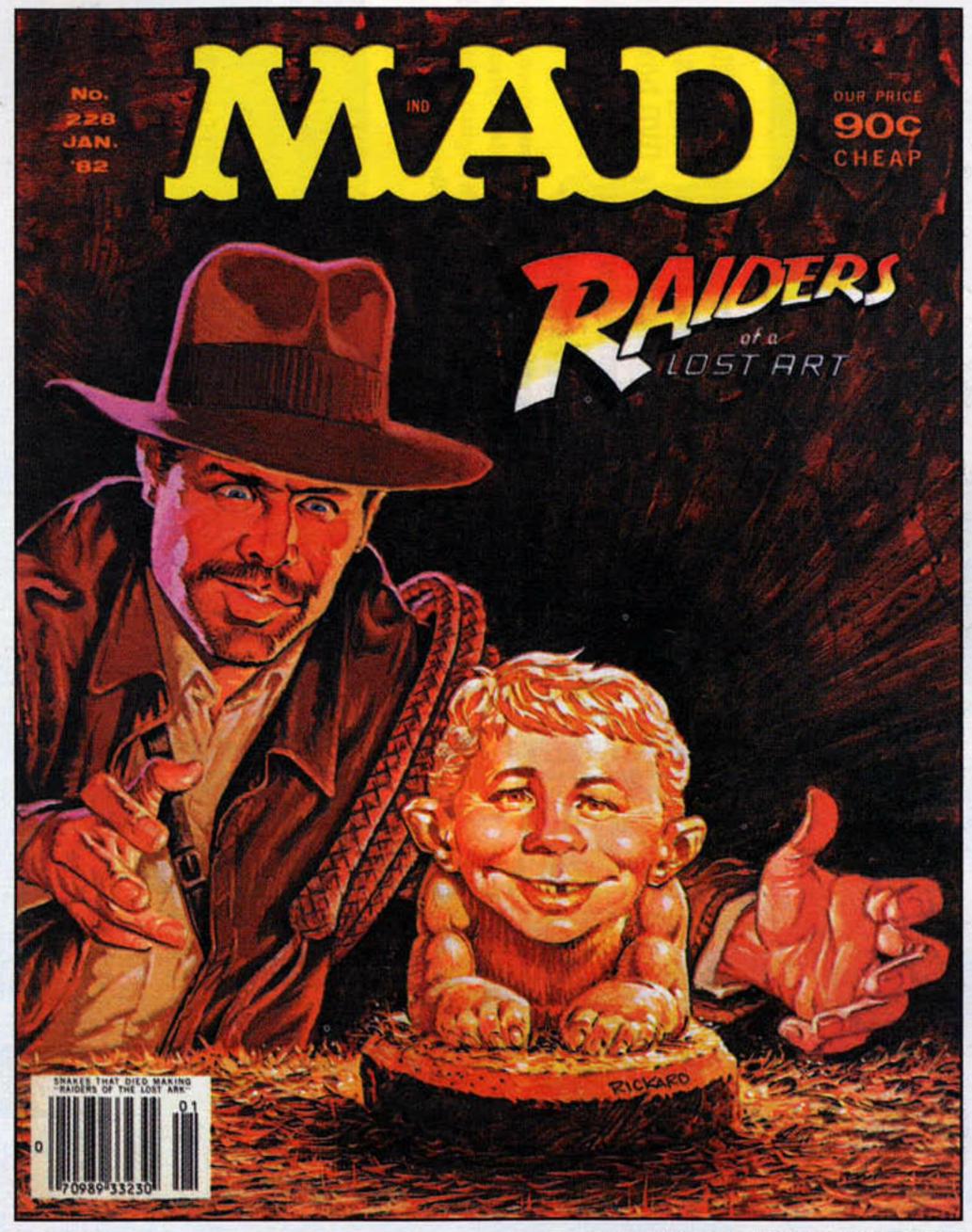
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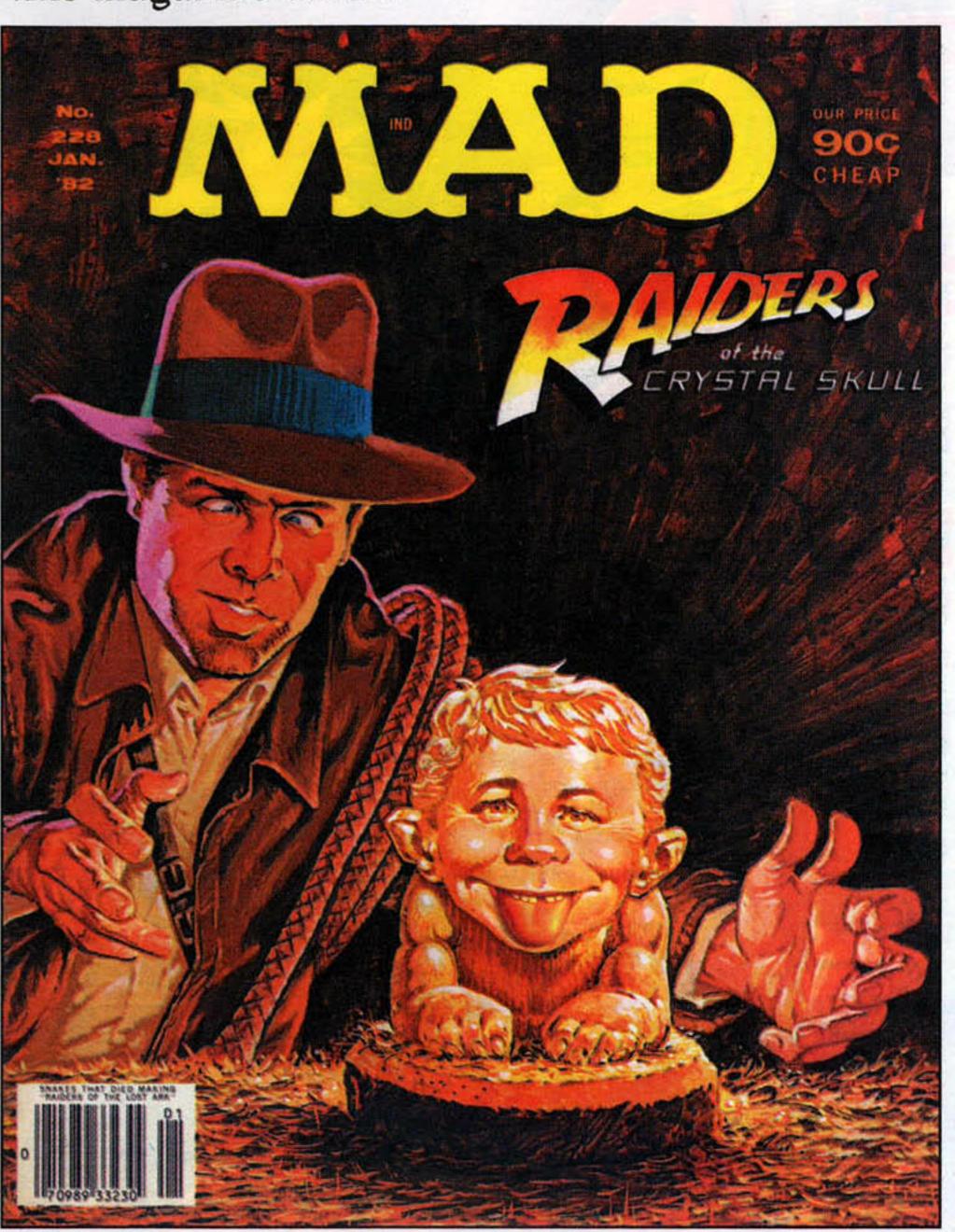




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ANSWERS: 1) The band on Indy's hat is a different color. 2) The title of the movie has changed, Ebertl 3) Indy's eyes are crossed. 4) Indy no longer has a mustache. 5) There's a second buckle on the bag's strap. 6) Alfred is sticking his tongue out. 7) Indy's got an extra thumb on his left hand. 8) Indy's whip is longer. 9) Jack Rickard's signature has disappeared.











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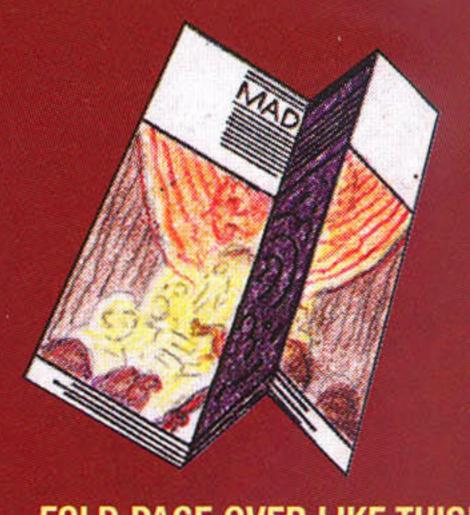


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AND AGAIN. NOW THIS TIRED OLD RELIC IS
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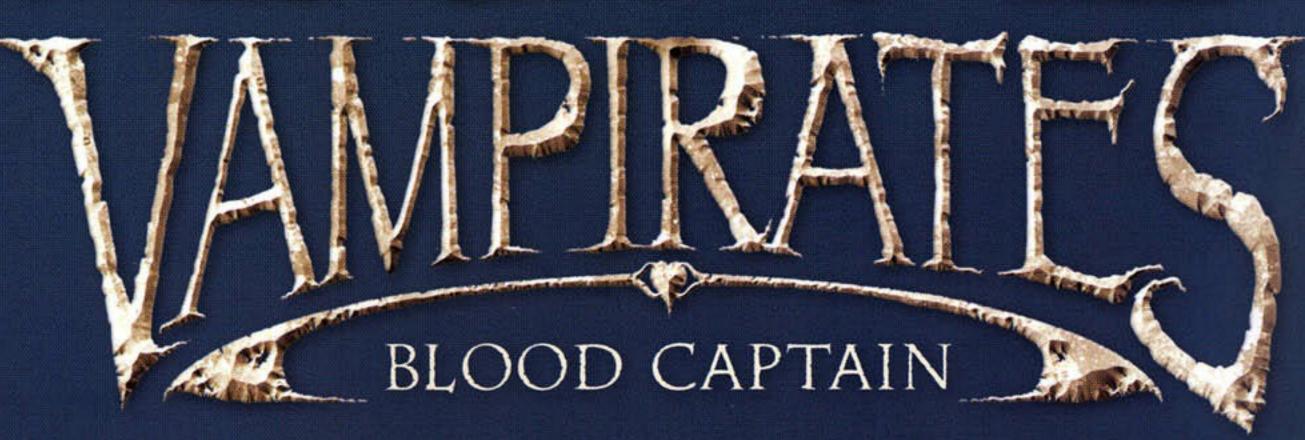


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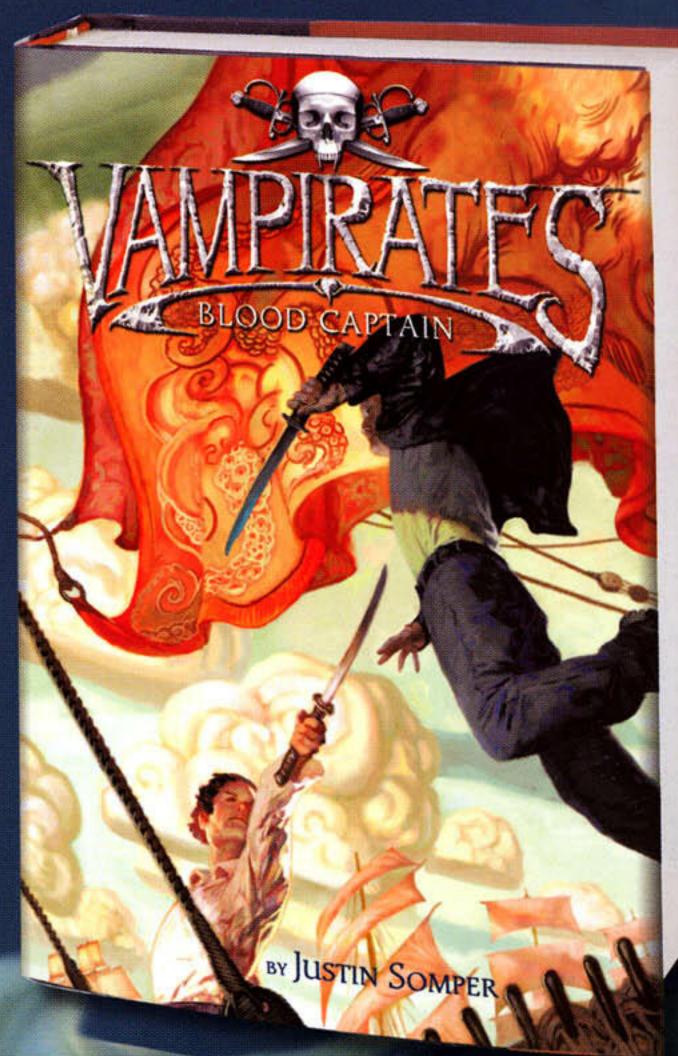
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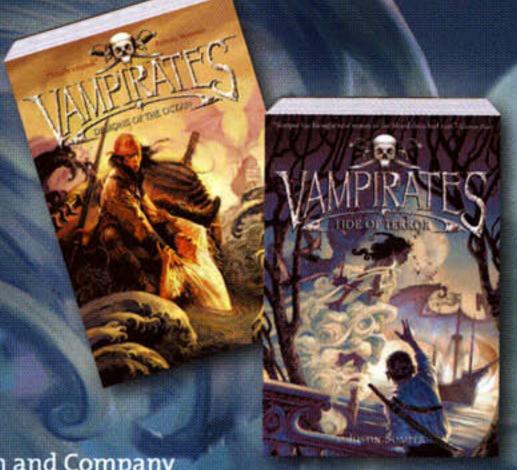


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